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The December issue of "Nature Magazine" carried an article describing the Nature Trail constructed by Ted Zschokke, a young naturalist who put much time and effort into this practical method of bringing to our visitors a vivid realization that the desert is not a barren waste such as popular belief would have, but is the home of many plants and animals that through adaptation to the severe demands of limited moisture and great summer heat have become highly successful in perpetuating themselves.

Through clear, descriptive devices of explanation Mr. Zschokke made known this constant struggle for survival and the methods devised by plants and animals to make life tolerable under arid conditions. His graphic picture of the fact of approximately three inches of rainfall and evaporation rate of fifteen feet per year was a masterpiece. It stated the problem and the solution of it by the desert inhabitant.

After a visit to his Nature Trail, walking along the Trail, reading the explanations, one realizes how much of life there is on the desert. Where there is life there is interest; but one must have some knowledge of that life to awaken its possibilities.

Returning from a recent trip, I noticed that the sign has been removed; a road has been constructed along one edge; the cactus garden which was graciously loaned as a part of the trail remains but the explanatory devices are gone; Mr. Zschokke is no longer at the Trail. I could write at length about his struggle to bring to Palm Springs something that had great possibilities for intriguing intelligent visitors with an appreciation of the desert but I would rather write that some later day, if the Trail is reestablished in a more permanent location and with adequate income to assure its maintenance.

I spent several days of last week in the coast range and at the ocean; the mountains were green, a few wildflowers were blooming, and despite the inclement weather, the meadowlarks were singing. There is no bird song sweeter than that of the meadowlark. Some years ago in a section of the Oregon country that resembled the old frontier, lived a tough old cuss who was notoriously a hard customer. One day I asked him if he ever intended to make a visit to his old home in Europe. He replied that Europe did not interest him, his old home country was no good, his relatives were absolutely no good, that he did not intend to make a visit but if he did it would only be to hear the meadowlarks sing. A short time after that he moved on to the north country where he was rubbed from the picture; no one regretted his sudden permanent departure but I have never been able to quite forget his only reason for a possible trip to his old home.

This morning I noticed a shriek going about his business of finding food. He is an enemy of smaller bird life, for the eggs and young of other birds are his delicacies. It does not take much time for this predatory bird to drive many of the songsters from a neighborhood. In this he is like a bluejay, though the latter is not so vicious when food is plentiful. Last summer I was watching a pair of flycatchers rear their family. The nest appeared to be a swelling on the dead limb of a tree it was so neatly and cleverly made. One day there was a great chattering, followed by the appearance of a bluejay which calmly hopped from one branch to another, spied the nest, pounced upon it, killing the young birds and destroying the nest.

Spent two days in the city and was more than glad to be back in Palm Springs. I realize more keenly the charm of the village after a visit to the city.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jules Devorzan at the Beaumont Hospital, Tuesday night, January 29. Dr. John Becker was in attendance. Mr. Devorzan is a member of the Dunes orchestra, and was one of the original members of Rudy Vallee's Connecticut Yankees.

4 CUPS, CASH PRIZES, AWARDS DESERT CIRCUS

Ticket sales for the second annual Palm Springs Desert Circus, most glorious holiday at this desert resort, got under way today, Feb. 1. The second annual Desert Circus will be held at Cody Field on February 21 and the gala parade will start at 10 a. m. on the day of the event. Numerous merchants and local people who are planning to enter floats in the parade are already getting up their ideas in hopes of winning one of the float prizes.

Four valuable cups and some cash prizes will be awarded to winners of the various events. There will be cups for the jumping events, braggart's race, steeple chase, and sulky race, and cash prizes for harness races, free for all race, athletic contests for children, parade floats, and other events.

The various committees are working ardently on plans for the forthcoming circus which will be more spectacular, thrilling and entertaining even than the first annual Desert Circus held last season.

H. E. "Pat" Patterson, general chairman of the circus, showed excellent judgment in selecting his committees, which will insure success to this year's presentation of the annual event.

Chuck Morrison has been selected as grand marshal of the parade on Desert Circus Day this year. Sheriff Biscailuz of Los Angeles and his famous mounted posse will be an added feature attraction of the parade and Desert Circus this season.

Robert Woolsey and the Junior Chamber of Commerce will have charge of the entertainment features, which will include clowns recruited from the fun-makers of the village. Mr. Woolsey, ace comedian of the screen, will be a great help in this matter.

Earl Coffman, program chairman, has planned a series of events which will make this, the second desert circus, of greater interest than last year's circus.

The parade committee, Mrs. Nellie N. Coffman, chairman, is planning a parade that will be unique. Every business house is invited to enter a float. The entry fee is only a dollar, which will help toward the church fund.

An excellent committee of judges has been appointed, with A. K. Bourne as chairman.

Mrs. George Roberson, chairman of the ticket committee, has placed the tickets on sale. Prices are \$1.00 for general admission, \$2.00 for grandstand seats, \$5.00 for sponsor's ticket, and \$25.00 for patron's ticket.

Proceeds from the circus will go to the Community Church's building fund.

PALM SPRINGS HOTEL OPENS DINING ROOM TO THE PUBLIC

The Palm Springs Hotel has a new policy, catering to the general public in their dining room, patio and cocktail lounge, as well as to the hotel guests. A complete a la carte menu is featured, with chefs in charge who have gained recognition for their ability in preparing good meals.

The dining room is a delightful place to enjoy a meal, for it overlooks the patio and the cactus garden, containing the unique illuminated fountain.

A large crowd attended the opening of the cocktail lounge Saturday evening. The orchestra, which is now a regular feature at the Palm Springs Hotel, played for the diners and dancers until a late hour.

GEORGE BURNS AND GRACIE ALLEN AT EL MIRADOR

Film folk who have been at El Mirador the past week include Mr. and Mrs. George Burns (Gracie Allen) with their baby. George and Gracie spend most of their time at the pool acquiring a sun-tan. Gloria Swanson and Herbert Marshall visited the outdoor grill on Sunday.

DON ADMIRAL'S DESERT LECTURE PLEASES CROWD

Don Admiral, naturalist, lecturer, and columnist for The Desert Sun, held for an hour and 40 minutes one of the largest audiences ever assembled in the auditorium of Bullocks' Department Store in Los Angeles, one day last week. The auditorium was filled to capacity, about 1500 being present, and none left during the lecture. This was one of the first illustrated lectures devoted exclusively to Palm Springs and vicinity.

Mr. Admiral has some very interesting slides of the local desert, and explains all the scenes in a most interesting manner, describing the geology, flora and fauna. He goes into the early history of the region and the origin of the various formations.

Tonight Mr. Admiral lectures at El Mirador, and Thursday evening he will give the illustrated lecture at the Desert Inn. Both lectures are at 8 o'clock. Wednesday evening he will deliver a lecture at the Smoke Tree Ranch for guests only.

Mr. Admiral has a thorough knowledge of the desert area, and he presents the subject in a most interesting manner.

DESERT RIDERS TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

The Desert Riders will take the trip over the old pole line road, past Cliff's Stables, Saturday morning. More than fifty turned out for the ride Tuesday morning.

Committees were named and plans formulated for an active season at the business meeting last week.

Assistance of the Automobile Club of Southern California will be solicited in providing signs for bridge trail crossings over highways here. Signs are desired at the points of crossing Palm Canyon Drive, north of the school house, Ramon Road and at the Indian gate west of the Deep Well ranch, and crossing Indian avenue, north of the school house and at Ramon Road.

Two trails now need repair, the Araby Trail and the Little Paradise Trail. CCC workers are expected to assist in the repair of the Palm Canyon to Cathedral City Trail.

New committees are: Trails, E. V. Griffes, chairman; H. E. Patterson, Dr. F. M. White, Earl Coffman, H. W. Otis and Mrs. Melba Bennett.

Entertainment: Don Admiral, chairman; Mrs. Humphrey Birge, Mrs. Isabel Garlick, H. E. Patterson.

Chuck wagon: Frank Bennett, chairman; H. W. Otis, Don Admiral, E. V. Griffes.

Membership: Charles Matcham, chairman; Mrs. Humphrey Birge, Miss Elenor Witeman, Mrs. Erma Hubbell, Don Admiral, Mrs. Thos. Lipps, Earle Strebe.

Breakfast: Mrs. Humphrey Birge, chairman; Mrs. Isabel Garlick, Alvah Hicks.

Press and publicity: Grant Wood, chairman; Mrs. Priscilla Chaffey, Ray Murray, Don Still and Carl Barkow.

A concerted drive for added membership is now being conducted.

49'ER BARN DANCE BY JUNIOR CHAMBER TO BE HELD SATURDAY NIGHT

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a barn dance, to compare with the dances of the days of '49, which will be held Saturday evening at Norman's Stable, east of El Mirador. Everyone is to arrive in costume, so as to provide the setting and spirit of the pioneer days.

The committee consists of Dr. B. L. Clifton, chairman; Kenneth Guild, Frank Bogart, Jack Lasley, Ernest Fors, and Owen Barnes.

J. C. W. Hinshaw, president of the Pasadena Realty Board, with Mrs. Hinshaw and their children, have moved into their new home in Palm Springs Estates.

ANOTHER LEGION GYMKHANA FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 10

The American Legion will sponsor another Gymkhana for Sunday, February 10.

H. E. "Pat" Patterson, chairman of the Gymkhana committee, announces that a program different and even better than last Sunday's event will be presented.

The largest crowd ever attending a local gymkhana, attended the American Legion racing and jumping event at Cody Field last Sunday. Proceeds went to the American Legion building fund, as will all profits from future Legion events. The boys should have their own club house, and they propose to give the community the type of entertainment that will earn money to help pay for the building.

Following are the results of last Sunday's show:

Three-foot jumps—1, Miss Eleanor French; 2, Miss Jean Moore; 3, Miss Margaret Rogers.

Cowboy Pony Express—1, Buck Brown; 2, Al Luttrell; 3, Arthur Doyle.

Three-foot jumps in pairs—1, Miss Jean Moore and Miss Mary White; 2, H. E. Patterson and son, Bobby Patterson; 3, Travis Rogers and Earle Strebe.

Musical Chairs, Open—1, Rocky Chenoweth; 2, Jim Shepherd; 3, Buttons Hazlip; 4, Jimmy Luttrell.

Musical Chairs, riders under 16—1, Jimmy Luttrell; 2, Priscilla Abbott; 3, Margaret Sampson; 4, Nancy Doyle.

Steeplechase—1, Bobby Patterson; 2, H. E. Patterson; 3, Earle Strebe.

Stake Race, riders under 16—1, Margaret Rogers; 2, Jane Lykken; 3, Jimmy Rogers.

Pony race—1, Owen Coffman; 2, Dick Atcheson; 3, Bobby Patterson; 4, Johnny Wertheimer.

Cowboy Boot Race—1, Rocky Chenoweth; 2, Chet Aggar; 3, Al Luttrell.

Open Race—1, H. E. Patterson; 2, Bobby Patterson; 3, Owen Coffman.

Chariot Race—1, Frank Bogart; 2, Les Moore.

AIR MANEUVERS BY ARMY PILOTS BRING THRILLS

Eighteen army planes, a large transport plane, 30 officers and 180 enlisted men, arrived at the Palm Springs Airport Monday to participate in a week's aerial maneuvers.

The group, under the command of Captain Morris, is the 73rd Pursuit Squadron from March Field. They have participated in daily flights, the most interesting of which is a night flight. They will return to their air base next Monday.

Following an inspection by Group Commander Captain Ira C. Eaker on Saturday, the officers will on Sunday be honored by the visit of Lt. Col. H. H. Arnold, commanding officer of the first pursuit wing (March Field), and the inspector general of the 9th Corps Area, General Preston. Colonel Arnold is scheduled, according to reports, to be made Brigadier General, and will command the Western wing in the new set up of G. H. Q. Air forces, to take place March 1. Accompanying them here Sunday will be Mrs. Arnold and several ladies of the local post.

Following their maneuvers here, the pursuit group will proceed to Muroc Lake, near Mojave, for gunnery practice. On Monday, February 11, the 34th Pursuit Squadron arrives to carry on like maneuvers at the local airport.

The new P-26 A planes are Boeing low-wing monoplane, powered with Pratt and Whitney Super Charged Wasp engines, whose h.p. rating is 525.

There will no longer be an excuse for improperly adjusted headlights in Palm Springs, for the Desert Inn Garage will open an official headlight adjusting station next week. After the station is in operation, local traffic officers will check up on head lights.

MARY PICKFORD IS A GUEST AT THE DESERT INN

Mary Pickford, famous screen star, is among the recent arrivals at the Desert Inn.

Numerous socialites from all parts of the country have arrived to enjoy the many attractions of Palm Springs at the Desert Inn, "society's winter home."

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Flint of Detroit are ensconced in their Desert Inn quarters where they will reside during their lengthy stay at the desert resort.

Mrs. John Emerson (Anita Loos), famed writer, is also at the Inn.

Prominent Detroit people arriving recently at the Desert Inn are Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lowe, Mr. E. D. Stair and son and Dr. A. D. Holmes. Mr. Stair is owner of the Detroit Free Press and Mr. Lowe is managing director of the Detroit Free Press.

Other recent arrivals at the Desert Inn are: Mrs. Henry M. Young and Miss Jane Rogers, Laurel, Mississippi; Mrs. Edwin E. Hooper and Miss Rosemary Kemper, Winetka, Illinois; Mrs. William E. Geil and Miss Mary I. Crosley, Claremont; Mr. and Mrs. Basil T. Williams, Eugene, Oregon; Mrs. Church Merrill, Doris and Charles Merrill, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Honnold, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Gallagher and Mrs. A. P. Donnelly and L. J. Valentine, Seattle.

Also E. T. Yarnell, Redondo Beach, and Mrs. F. B. Martin, Palos Verdes Estates; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meighan, Beverly Hills; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bauvais and Ted Mauvias, Oakland; Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nelson and Lorraine, San Francisco; W. Fitch Ingersoll, Bay End Farm, Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts; Mrs. Charles Babcock, Mrs. N. B. Hasbrenck and J. W. Sutphen, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Miss L. B. Simms and Miss Lucy Simms, Paris, Kentucky; Miss Henrietta McFarland, Old Greenwich, Connecticut; Miss Betty Blackwell, Los Angeles; B. F. Harris and daughter, Elizabeth Jane, prominent Junior League member, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Andre L. Simon, London and Paris; Mr. and Mrs. Charlton Yarnell, Philadelphia; and numerous other socialites from all parts of the United States.

PALM SPRINGS IS FEATURED IN GREAT CIRCLE TOUR FOLDER

Palm Springs is featured more than any other locality in a folder just issued by the Great Circle Tour Association.

Local hotels and travel bureaus have just received their copies of the beautiful new twenty-four page, four-color booklet issued by the Great Circle Tour Association of Southern California. The Great Circle Tour Association is a civic, non-profit organization for the fostering of tourist travel around the Great Circle Tour Route, which extends from Los Angeles down to El Centro via the inland state highway; then west to San Diego, and from there up the coast to Los Angeles. Scenic wonders comparable to any to be seen elsewhere in the world are to be enjoyed on this trip.

The new booklet which is profusely illustrated, contains a wealth of information about these scenic points of interest, as well as giving detailed facts about the cities and towns on the route and their hotels.

This village is an important link in the route and several local hotels are members of the Association.

If you need help in making out your income tax reports, here's your chance. On February 19th a deputy collector of internal revenue will be at the local postoffice to assist taxpayers in preparation of income tax returns.

Sun Spots

(By Carl Barkow)

We hesitate to suggest another organization for Palm Springs, for some people believe the community is over-organized—but there is an increasing demand for a service club, for the many club members who spend their winters here.

The writer, who by the way is a Kiwanian, is frequently approached by hotel guests with the query, "Where is the nearest Kiwanis (or Rotary, or Lions, or Exchange) club, and when do they meet?" Men who belong to such service clubs think highly of their membership—in fact, they will travel many miles so they will not miss the weekly luncheon meeting. Membership depends upon regular attendance. Service club members have cut short their visit in order to be at home, or in some community that has a service club, when the club meets.

Some members have unbroken attendance records extending over a period of years. Such men will not miss a club meeting. Attendance at any other club of the same national organization is credited in the attendance record the same as being present at the meeting of the home club.

It may be difficult to form a Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Exchange, or some other branch of a national or international service club here, due to the fact that a minimum of 35 members is required before a charter is granted, and the rules demand the club must function 52 weeks in a year—but why can't Palm Springs take the lead in forming a new club including members of all service clubs? Special dispensations might be obtained from national headquarters for such clubs in resort communities. It's worth the trial. You service club members, take the matter up with your national officers.

Resorts such as Palm Springs, Lake Arrowhead, Yellowstone, Yosemite, and many others, would welcome such an organization, which would hold meetings weekly, only during the season. The name of the club could be formed from the initials of the clubs represented in its membership, viz: "LERK" for Lions, Exchange, Rotary, Kiwanis or "RELK" or "KERL." If The Optimist, High Twelve, Twenty-Three or some others are included, it might be a "HOTRELK" or "HELKROT" club. The suggestion may sound funny, but if it can be worked out Palm Springs would spring into the limelight with thousands of service club members throughout the country.

It should be remembered that the leaders of every community are members of the service clubs. They are the men of wealth and the men of importance; the type of men who come to Palm Springs. It is true, there are organizations here for the residents: The Chamber of Commerce which functions chiefly as a city council to take care of the physical needs of the community; the Junior Chamber for the younger business men, chiefly to provide recreational facilities; the Associates to take care of publicity which brings the visitors here; the American Legion for ex-service men only; the Desert Riders for those who ride horses, the Little Theatre Group for those who like the stage—but there is no organization exclusively for the men who are accustomed to clubs.

There is no end of talent obtainable here for local club programs. Foremost lecturers, writers, artists, scientists, and industrial leaders of the nation come here, who would be willing to address the service club. There is nothing that would meet with a more hearty response from the guests of the community than the formation of a club for all service club members.

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NOT GO UNANSWERED**

For generations the newspapers of the United States have championed the schools and espoused the cause of the public school teacher in every forward and progressive school movement. The press will not recede from that traditional stand. It is pledged to the highest standards of free American education and it is proud of its record and consistent in its course.

But the press of America can and will defend itself against insidious attacks that may be or have been launched against it by teachers or their representatives. It stands four-square on its record when it is made the object of an unfair, unethical attack, and it is unafraid of the consequences of a vigorous offensive against unwarranted political activity such as has been fathered by the California Teachers Association and directed at the life-blood of the newspapers.

The reference is to the association's recommendation for a tax on advertising and the criticism is directed not only at the fallacy of the association's argument, but particularly at the insidious propaganda campaign that is intended to fortify its demand.

In a recent bulletin issued by the association and distributed to members of the state legislature, among other things, were these statements: "A tax on advertising. The tax is reasonably sound. In the long run, advertising adds nothing to social wealth. As a method of educating the consuming public it is grossly abused."

The statement is a direct challenge to the newspapers of the state because it singles them out for a vicious and unwarranted attack. It leaves no room for doubt as to its intended victim, for it names the newspaper, periodical and "dodger" as the vehicles of advertising.

In effect, the teachers' association has declared war on its best friend. It has slapped the publisher's cheek before and got away with it, but its latest offensive has aroused the fighting spirit of the press. Don't think for a minute that the fur will not fly from here out!

The newspaper fraternity, from publisher down to printer's devil, is proud of the American system of public schools and ready to defend that system to the last ditch, but it can find no cause for pride in any clique of professional people who flaunt their prestige in the face of common sense and economic logic. It can find no cause for pride, for instance, in the powerful teachers' lobby that uses every political trick at its command to "influence" legislation at Sacramento, to manipulate measures which fatten its own pocketbook.

Let the teachers' association bear in mind this very serious situation, that the school costs of California are approximately 70 per cent of all its governmental expenses. Let that association lend an ear to public clamor for economy in government, listen to the groans from overburdened taxpayers, then turn its talents to a program of reducing costs of education.

On sober reflection, neither press nor public should feel regret that the association has shown its true colors in attacking the newspapers, for in that attack lies ample justification for a vigorous drive by an aroused public on the most notorious lobby inflicted on this state. The public is long suffering, but it is not yellow!—J. E. Rinehart, Hanford Sentinel.

AN APT ILLUSTRATION

The campaign to curb reckless driving is quite general both in urban and rural communities. Down in Los Angeles, where they experiment on most everything, the officers made an interesting test a few days ago. Speed cops raced clear across the city for about 23 miles, (you know Los Angeles is a pretty fair little village), far exceeding the legal speed limit and traveling at a speed and with such abandon as to be well within the "reckless driving" class. Then the same officers drove over the same route at a normal, legal rate of speed. They had saved only six minutes in actual driving time. This illustrates very clearly the difference in time between reckless and safe driving. Reckless driving never pays, even in the saving of time, but there are a lot of motorists who will have to prove this for themselves by participating in a nice big wreck.—Terra Bella News.

A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong; it is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

The best time to steal a march on competition is when it isn't looking.

Don't forget—just being a boss doesn't mean that you're a big executive.

**Economic
Highlights**

According to the old saying, "The mills of the gods grind slowly—but they grind exceedingly fine."

That adage can be accurately applied to the present Congress, as it considers the President's new recovery and relief program. It is moving slowly, it is talking a good deal, and it is gradually grinding out legislation toward the two principal projects of the White House—social security, and an unprecedented vast public works program, designed to eliminate the dole.

The public works program is of the most immediate interest. It will cost \$4,000,000,000—the largest draft ever drawn against the United States Treasury for any single purpose. It will put about 3,500,000 men to work directly. And, if the President's hopes materialize, it will put another 3,500,000 to work indirectly, in jobs created by the spending power of the first 3,500,000.

Equally important are the promised principles upon which the program is predicated. All work is to be useful, in that it will either permanently improve living conditions or create new wealth. Pay for workers will be above the present "dole" level—but will be low enough so that the men employed will still keep an eye out for jobs in private business. Projects will be selected so as to use the largest possible amount of labor for the money spent. The money will be allocated on the basis of the greatest need—that is, a state which has 20 per cent of its people on relief will get more than a state which has but 10 per cent on relief. It is said the public works program will avoid competition with private enterprise, which is justifiably jittery about government activities in the industrial field.

The list of possible public works has not been completed, but a number are known. Public buildings will be one. Bridge building will be another. Soil conservation and sanitation will come in for their share, as will tunnels, flood dams and forest conservation. Road building will naturally be near the head of the list.

There was considerable dissatisfaction in Congress over the fact that the President wants the public works money under his control—Congressmen wanted to distribute it themselves. However, this idea seems to be definitely out—allocation of funds will be in the jurisdiction of the White House, through a board appointed by the President.

So far as the social security program is concerned, it is finding rather hard going. It seems that every Congressman has his own idea as to how the ill, the aged and the unemployed should be aided—there is much argument, many words and little agreement. By the time this is read, the so-called Townsend Plan, whereby every person over 60 would be given \$200 a month by the government, will probably have been introduced in the lower house—proponents of the plan claim enough supporters to get it through. The President's influence, however, will be thrown aggressively against it, and in favor of a much more moderate policy.

Business reports are encouraging. The country is experiencing gradual improvement in about every line of endeavor.

Trade, according to Dun & Bradstreet, is rising to about the levels of 1930 and 1931. Where, at the beginning of 1932, that company's business activity index stood at 50.1, it now touches 74—a gain of 45 per cent. This increase is largely due to retail distribution gains, which are 5 per cent above last year in New England, 8 to 12 per cent up on the Pacific coast, and 20 to 30 per cent improved in the Middle West, with the balance of the country showing rises of from 12 to 15 per cent. Reports from grain and livestock markets are also encouraging.

Steel production is at 44 percent of capacity—a gain over recent levels. It is still advancing. Electric power production shows some gains. The construction industry, long dormant, is showing signs of recovery, due principally to the activities of the Housing Administration which, after a slow start, seems to be gathering momentum in its drive to make people build and improve their homes.

A recent analyst statement, sent out over the financial wires, said, in effect, that all matters of interest to business are overshadowed by the possibilities inherent in the Supreme Court's forthcoming decision on the gold seizure act. It seems sure, however, that quick remedial action will be taken if the court holds against the government—Congress is prepared for an adverse decision, and bills are already drafted in case it again becomes necessary to revamp our money system.

**EARLY RISERS WILL
HAVE CHANCE TO SEE
SUN ECLIPSE SUNDAY**

Southern Californians will have the opportunity next Sunday of observing the rare spectacle of a sunrise eclipse provided they are out of bed at 6:49 a. m.

At 7:27 a. m., when the sun has been up over the horizon 38 minutes, the maximum of the eclipse will be reached with 58 per cent of the sun's face covered by the shadow of the moon.

The actual beginning of the eclipse will not be visible in Los Angeles this year, since it occurs before sunrise. Anyhow, Los Angeles people don't get up so early. By 8:25 a. m. the sun again will assume its normal appearance.

Provided the atmosphere next Sunday is free of clouds, fogs and haze, the low angle of the sun will prove trying, if not dangerous to the eyes of those who desire to view the phenomenon. As a safeguard against eye injury, the use of smoked or other dense glasses or over-exposed film is advised.

**IMPERIAL VALLEY STRIKE
THREAT MENACE LESSENS**

Threat of a strike which would tie up the vegetable industry in Imperial Valley appeared remote today despite an unconfirmed report that a general walkout of shipping-shed employees had been voted at a caucus held Sunday. No demands have been made on growers and increased shipments of lettuce are going out without interruption.

Shed workers generally reported being satisfied with wages now being paid and seem hostile toward the group of recent arrivals from Salinas who are said to have agitated for a walkout. Doubt is expressed by shippers that any large number of workers would go out even if a strike is called.

ELK FOR LOCAL MOUNTAINS

The Chambers of Commerce of San Jacinto, Hemet and Idyllwild have an opportunity to procure a herd of elk for the mountains adding to the hundreds of deer there now roaming over the mountains. The elk can be procured at Jackson Hole, Wyoming, through the Federal Forest officials.

Elk are much larger than deer and would attract many hunters to the

**And I Thought I'd
Read Them All!**

Folded Hills, by Stewart Edward White
Peel Trait, by Joseph Lincoln
Roman Spring, Mrs. Winthrop Chanler
Week-End, by Phil Stong
Melissa Starke, Annuet Andrews
Canterbury Tales, Geoffrey Chaucer
The Safe Bridge, Frances Parkinson Keyes
Father Goose, by Gene Fowler
A Village in a Valley, Beverly Nichols
AND MANY OTHERS

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mountains just as they attract hunters to Jackson Hole. The cost at Jackson Hole is almost prohibitive for with licenses, horse hire and other details the expenses run into many hundreds. But those are the kind of people who have money and are willing to spend it.

The forest officials will deliver a herd here if freight is prepaid. In addition some bales of hay would be necessary until the elk get accustomed to the new surroundings.—San Jacinto Register.

Phone 4888—Red Top Cab.

Man wisely thinks ten times as often as he wisely acts.

If you are not tired at night you are not doing your part.

Just Arrived — Big lot Whitman's Chocolates. None better made. Banning Drug Co. rh5

The modern wife's cigarette bill makes her husband fume.

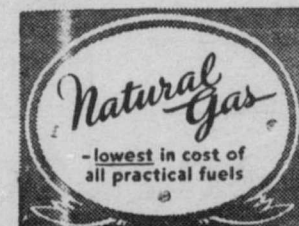
Success is almost as hard to maintain as it is to acquire.

**THE PENNY POST CARD IN YOUR
MORNING'S MAIL COSTS MORE THAN
THE GAS TO COOK BREAKFAST**

And breakfast, as used here, means the breakfast for an entire average family.

When you think of the many times in a month Natural Gas cooks your meals, heats your home, warms the water in which you bathe—you realize its really insignificant cost. Modern civilization knows no more efficient, ever available and economical service than Natural Gas.

And bear in mind that the newer gas-burning devices may bring down your cost for this fuel even lower, because of better designing and far more effective insulation.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

[CONNECTED WITH THE PACIFIC LIGHTING
SYSTEM FOR DEPENDABLE SERVICE]

C.O. BARKER, PIONEER CITIZEN OF BANNING A HALF CENTURY, ANSWERS THE LAST SUMMONS

With the death of C. O. Barker early Thursday morning, the Book of Life was closed for a pioneer who through vision and industry had transformed the once barren land of the San Geronio Pass to the acres of fruitful orchards and the beautiful city he loved and cherished for a half century.

Fifty years ago last June a young man came to Banning, which was then a mere hamlet. He had small means, but he had the vision of an empire builder. He saw in the vast mountain range to the north the life-blood, undeveloped, that could transform the thousands of fertile acres below into a paradise, where men would build their homes, and help feed the ever-increasing population of his country. With this in mind, he set out to do a thing about which the best engineers have marveled to this day—he originated a method of water conservation that is known as the Barker system in the engineering textbooks.

Death came to Mr. Barker in his sleep on Thursday morning, at about 1:30, after a severe illness of a few days. For the past 10 years he has had to gradually give up active work, due to failing eyesight and ill health, but regardless of these handicaps, he was always vitally interested in the welfare of his home town and his country; always interested in promoting what in his mind was to the best interests of the community as a whole.

Charles Omar Barker was born July 4, 1858, near Yates City, Fulton county, Illinois. He was the son of Charles and Frances Barker. His sister, Mary, died in 1883, and his brother, Douglas, and his father are buried here, the latter having made his home with him in Banning at the old Banning Hotel, where the San Geronio Inn now stands. His mother died when he was only 10 years of age.

Mr. Barker spent his boyhood years in Iowa in the cattle business with relatives, while attending grade and high schools. He attended Lombard College in Galesburg, Illinois, and was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Because of ill health, he left college, and came to California with his brother, Douglas, leaving Yates City on March 12, 1883, and arriving in Riverside on the 21st of the same month. An account of the trip was kept in a diary, which is very interesting to read. He spent some time in Riverside before coming to Banning.

He obtained employment as clerk in the St. George Hotel in Riverside. While there he decided to go to the new colony of Banning to take charge of a water claim at \$40 per month. He went to Colton by stage, and then rode the Southern Pacific to Banning. He spent his first night here on a cot in the Southern Pacific freight depot.

C. O. Barker arrived in Banning on June 6, 1884. He accepted a position with the Banning Colony Land Company, holding down water bearing land in San Geronio Canyon, now known as Banning Water Canyon, and patrolling the flume which brought the water into the village.

After his health improved he taught school for two years, being Banning's first school teacher, and received high praise from the county superintendent for his work. Several of his pupils are still residents of Banning. He gave up his position of teacher to become manager of the Banning Land Co., which was the outgrowth of the Banning Colony Land Company. The new company had the backing of a group of capitalists from Nevada.

As the colony grew, it was necessary to develop an adequate supply of water, and to this end, after obtaining proxies from all the surrounding area, he went to Washington during the term of President Harrison. After a long struggle, he succeeded in an exchange of land whereby the Indians who held every even-numbered section throughout the Pass traded land surrounding Banning for the land now known as the Morongo Indian reservation. In effecting this trade, the Banning Water Company received water-bearing land and was able to purchase other land from the government and the Southern Pacific railroad.

After the successful conclusion of the Indian question, he was elected to the California Assembly from San Bernardino county. The land north of the railway tracks was then in San Bernardino county, and the land south of the tracks in San Diego county. On January 9, 1893, he introduced Assembly Bill No. 130, which created Riverside county out of San Bernardino and San Diego counties, and Mr. Barker became this county's first assemblyman.

His chief reason for forming the new county was the great distance of the county seat, San Diego, from the part of that county south of Banning. During the days of horse and buggy, slow and infrequent rail transportation, he favored cutting down the size of counties in order to facilitate supervision. However, during his latter years he had favored consolidation of counties in order to decrease administration costs, his contention being that supervision can now be maintained adequately and swiftly over a larger area, due to modern transportation facilities.

C. O. Barker was always vitally interested in the improvement and exploitation of the resources of the area surrounding Banning. Throughout his life he maintained that "all wealth must come primarily from the soil," which accounted for his keen interest in conserving all of the available water in the watershed above Banning. To this end he grub-staked many prospectors, and for the same reason he spent much time and great sums of money to ascertain if oil could be found in this region. He helped to finance several test wells both east and west of Banning.

Mr. Barker originated the method of conserving water through a system of spreading ditches in the mountain canyon and the debris cone at the base of the canyon. His theory was that by sinking the water into the artesian basin, there would be a greater flow in the stream throughout the summer. His plan worked so well, that it has been adopted throughout the West. Water rarely flows to waste out of the Banning canyon during the wettest seasons. He proposed sinking wells into the well filled artesian basin of the mountain canyon, and the result is that Banning has an abundance of cool, clear, pure artesian water. Engineering textbooks used in colleges refer to this method of water conservation as the Banning system, originated by C. O. Barker.

Eminent engineers later told him that if he had been an engineer, he would have followed the rules for water conservation set down in the text books in those days, and would not have attempted the method he advocated. However, "he didn't know it couldn't be done, and he did it." At one time he asked that a well be sunk in a cienega above Banning. He was told by engineers that it simply couldn't be done. "Let's try it anyway," said Mr. Barker, "if it doesn't work, it won't cost the water company anything; I'll pay the bill myself." The well was sunk under his supervision, and now it is the best well of the Banning Water Company.

After the water development was well under way, Mr. Barker subdivided and planted many acres of Banning to deciduous trees. After the trees were in full bearing, he thought it would be necessary to make provision to take care of the fruit, and so he hit upon the idea of the Banning Canning Company, which was built and owned by himself, D. H. Gates and E. L. Robertson.

In addition to his orchards west of town, he was instrumental in developing Banning Heights, and in obtaining water for it from the Whitewater River watershed. He bought riparian rights along the Whitewater river, and it was he who arranged to have this water used for irrigation on Banning Heights, and the surplus flowed into the Banning canyon for the city's consumption, after operating the power plants in the Banning Canyon.

For many years the winter range for his cattle was on the desert, where he sank wells and developed water at Quail Springs, Coyote Well, Surprise Springs and the Barker reservoir. In the summer the cattle were driven to Banning, and fattened on the grain lands of Banning Heights or on his grain lands west of town.

Through many years of hard work and self-denial, during which he exemplified marvelous foresight and ability, he accumulated vast real estate holdings, which at first were alternately planted to grain and pastured to cattle. He leased government grazing land in Morongo, Surprise, Yucca and other valleys and purchased water-bearing lands in those regions, where he developed wells and built reservoirs, to supply water to his cattle. At these same water holes in the desert regions he piped water to small watering troughs concealed beneath the bushes, so that the quail could drink in safety without threat of destruction by coyotes or hawks. His plan was so successful that the state fish and game commission adopted it for state-wide use. In methods such as this, he did much to conserve the wild life of the Southwest.

His extensive cattle business induced him to seek more cattle range for his herds, and with an associate, William Shay, he acquired large holdings in Big Bear Valley in the Baldwin Lake region. He later sold his cattle business to the Talmadge Brothers. Mr. Barker also owned the vast Whitewater ranch at one time.

Always interested in developing San Geronio Pass, he worked very long and hard for the "Ocean-to-Ocean Highway," now known as U. S. Highway 99. He helped organize and was vice-president of the First National Bank of Banning, and has been president of the San Geronio Building-Loan Association since its inception.

He was a member of Banning's first city council, and in this capacity he drew a number of ordinances which have proven practical and beneficial to the city's welfare through the years. Mr. Barker was a charter member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and a sincere member of the Masonic Order. In the latter he advanced to the thirty-second degree and was a member of Al Malaika Temple of Shriners.

He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and it was always his desire that the Chamber should champion a "back to the soil" movement, for he was firmly convinced that the best method of ending unemployment and consequently the depression, is to get people back to the land where they can be self-supporting. During the World War, as he was over the service age, he worked long and hard selling liberty bonds, getting subscriptions to the Red Cross, and in other war activities, and in every instance Banning went "over the top."

But with his manifold activities that should have required the time of a number of men, he always had time for boys' work. The boys of the community were the joy of his life, and he was always ready to assist in any character-building movement. For many years he was chairman of the

Citizens Boy Scout Committee, and he gave his own sons the incentive to advance to the highest rank in Scouting, and they became Eagle Scouts.

Funeral services were held at the Barker home on Murray street Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, with the Masonic lodge in charge. The beautiful Masonic ritual was read by Past Master Howard Osborn. But the boys he had loved, young men who had grown up with his own sons, were the ones who took the principal part in the service. Allan Mackey sang, accompanied by Wesley James at the piano. The pallbearers were William Westerfield, Frederic Wing, Phillip Coombs, Dan Davis, Harold Harris and Harold Barkow. Honorary pallbearers were the board of directors of the San Geronio Building-Loan Association: Theodore Backus, D. H. Gates, John O. Clark, H. W. Dill, C. D. Hamilton, D. A. Innes, and Walter S. Hathaway. Members of the local Masonic lodge attended in a body and accompanied the remains to the crematory in Mountain View Cemetery, where final services were conducted before cremation. There a beautiful tribute was paid to the deceased in a short eulogy by Stephen Janus, a life-long friend of Mr. Barker.

The casket and one side of the room at the Barker home was covered with beautiful floral offerings, silent emblems of love and respect from the many friends in this community, who will always cherish the memory of this friend and neighbor, who had done so much for Banning.

"BROADWAY BILL" GRAND ROMANCE, AT THE PALM SPRINGS THEATRE

The amazing Frank Capra, director of "Lady For a Day" and "It Happened One Night," has undoubtedly surpassed all his former glories in his newest Columbia comedy sensation, "Broadway Bill," which will be shown at the Palm Springs Theatre Sunday and Monday, matinee and evening, Feb. 3 and 4.



With uncanny genius, the inimitable Mr. Capra has produced a beautifully human and appealing screen romance that is sheer delight. Myrna Loy, based on a story by Mark Hellinger and written for the screen by the same Robert Riskin who collaborated with Capra on his two previous successes, "Broadway Bill" sets a standard in screen entertainment that will not easily be reached.

No little of the film's superb qualities can be attributed to the splendid performances registered by Warner Baxter and Myrna Loy in the two starring roles. Baxter's "Dan Brooks" is his finest screen characterization since the Cisco Kid in "In Old Arizona." Myrna Loy is a delightful revelation, a new and greater screen personality. Together as a romantic team, both Baxter and Loy are near perfect.

The story is that of Dan Brooks, who is a nomad at heart, but by circumstances the son-in-law of J. L. Higgins (Walter Connolly), who controls everyone and everything in Higginsville. His word is law, that is, to everyone excepting Dan, who doesn't give a hoot for business. Although he is married to one of Higgins' three daughters and is general manager of the Higgins Paper Box Factory, which assures a rosy financial future, he still doesn't like it. He likes horses, freedom, everything that is the antithesis of hidebound Higginsville. The entire Higgins clan sneer at him

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In spite of sneers, Dan kicks over the financial applecart and goes his way. With him goes his horse, "Broadway Bill," and the horse's colored groom, Whitey, played by Clarence Muse. Unknown to Dan, there goes with him also the devotion and sympathy of Alice, his young sister-in-law.

The developments that follow are filled with drama, pathos and comedy. It will tug at your heartstrings one moment and make you laugh through your tears the next.

One of the thrilling sequences of the story is a horse race which, it may be honestly said, has not been equalled on the screen.

COUNTY GAME WARDEN FEEDS MOUNTAIN QUAIL

With sixteen inches of snow in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto mountains there appeared the possibility of some extermination of quail that inhabit the regions where the snow-fall measures great heights.

County Game Warden Ted Jolly was in Indio and purchased several hundred pounds of grain to be placed by him in places where the quail are snowed in and unable to reach any vegetation.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER TO OFFER RESIGNATION

Frank A. Tetley of Riverside, member of the state highway commission for the past four years, has indicated that he will tender his resignation before September. Interference with his private business was given as the reason for his action.

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J. WIN WILSON

WRITES THE GOVERNOR

J. Win Wilson of the Indio Date Palm has sent the following interesting communication to Gov. Frank Merriam:

Indio, Calif., Jan. 23, 1935.

Gov. Frank F. Merriam, State Capitol, Sacramento, California.

My Dear Governor: I see by the morning paper that you want \$107,000,000 to carry on with. I hope you get it; but it is not what we want that makes us fat so much as what we get. You can't get it out of me. Now, for what I want: I have been thinking this thing over, and I want to give my newspaper away to some EPIC editor, that you may have a grudge against, and for myself get a good job on the "relief."

I know a lot of "ginks," mostly Democrats, who are drawing ten bucks per day for administering relief, that don't know any more than I do. I suppose I missed my opportunity in life when I failed to register Democratic, but perhaps you can get me by as a "conciliator," or something with good intentions.

I still have a sticker on my car window "Merriam for Governor" to show that I am all right. But I can't eat that sticker and the tax collector won't allow me a cent on it.

Now, just as one friend to another, I hope you will be able to place me on the soft side of this tax question. I have been a taxpayer all my life and I would like to try being a tax eater before I die. It looks fine from where I am compelled to view the parade.

Better keep it "shady" about wanting to give the paper to some one we have a grudge against. The "guy" may back out and not take it.

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"THE NINTH GUEST" TO BE PRESENTED ON FEBRUARY 8-9

The Little Theatre of Palm Springs will present the "Ninth Guest," their second production of the season on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8 and 9. The first performance taking place at the Banning Union High School auditorium and the second performance at the Palm Springs Desert school. Curtain at 8 p. m. both nights.

J. L. Doss, a member of the Little Theatre group, is making the sets, and other members of the group will do the decorating. The cast is entirely local talent.

Tickets are on sale at the Palm Springs Drug Store, Village Pharmacy and at the Carol Bonte library and hotels.

Here is what some of the critics have to say about the play.

"I found it so engrossing that I departed without by galoshes.—Charles Collins in Chicago Tribune.

"The critics stayed later than their wont and not one of them slumbered. The acting throughout was of a piece with the playwrighting and that is so much better than that of other mystery melodrama that I am tempted to call the "Ninth Guest" the most interesting and intelligent disturbance.—Ash-ton Stephens, Chicago Herald-Examiner.

The cast includes.

Peter Daly Harold Reilly
Jean Trent Jane Curry
Mr. Hank Abbott Vincent Runyon
Mrs. Margaret Chisolm
.....Antonette Runyon
Jason Osgood Allan Thompson
Sylvia Inglesby Annette Stein
Dr. Murray Chalmers Reid
.....Keith Gledhill
Tim Sullivan Dan Rose
Hawkins Glen Martin
Beulah Goring Woodruff is directing the "Ninth Guest."

DESERT IS CLEANED UP BY SCOUTS AND UNEMPLOYED MEN

Six men are employed cleaning up debris on Section 23, south of town, scattered by campers, picnickers, and other thoughtless persons in the past. Funds for the work are being supplied by the Friendly Aid Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Boy Scouts worked hard all day Saturday cleaning up debris in the same locality. Mrs. Nellie Coffman presented the boys with a bounteous lunch at noon, which, needless to say, was relished to the utmost by the hard-working hungry boys.

The Chamber of Commerce had hoped to do the clean-up work with SERA funds for the benefit of local unemployed men, but the County SERA board ruled that no such funds could be used for the improvement of private property. This decision was made following an investigation trip here by Engineer Lee Nafsgar of the county board. The funds now used for the purpose came from the proceeds of baseball games.

Six men are working on the county road from the A. K. Bourne property on Ramon road to the Clatworthy property. This is known as Tahquitz Canyon Road. The road was filled with boulders, which are being removed.

Next week the men will go to the airport, where they will widen the runway to 500 feet. The runway is to be paved. This work is financed with SERA funds.

RENEW DRIVERS' LICENSES

Automobile drivers can now have their operators' licenses renewed in Palm Springs. State traffic officers will be stationed at the local police station from 2 to 4 every Friday afternoon to renew licenses for local applicants. They urge every one to keep their licenses up to date in order to avoid trouble.

COURT CASES

Five men were picked up in Palm Springs for violating ordinance No. 225, drunk in the public streets. The prisoners and their fines were as follows: S. Stewart, Los Angeles, \$20, \$10 of which was suspended; Miguel Chavez, sentence to be passed later; Jesus Sagaste, 10 days in jail; Ernesto Herrera, \$60 or 30 days—took 30 days; and John Marshall of Los Angeles, \$10.

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THE GOLDEN SPIKE

(Book review by Roberta Lucid, of Floyd Dell's finest story of young love and marriage.)

Harvey Claymore, son of an itinerant printer and journalist of the days of Samuel Clemens and Eugene Field, found adjustment to life and love as exciting and engrossing as it was difficult. His awkward adolescence and erratic maturity are handled with a sureness of touch and a fidelity that cannot be denied the quality of life.

Harvey Claymore struggles to maintain his courage and his ideals in the face of his wife's affection which constantly threatens to overthrow. His wife's ambitions and her money infringe upon his mental freedom. Many times he could easily have followed a comfortable path of domestic contentment and economic security. But he does not find that the problems of his own life in relation to himself, his friends and the world at large fall into easy patterns.

As a small boy, our hero was fascinated with the ancient stories of United States history. He would read of one battle and imagine himself to be the leader in all of the frays. This imagination got him nowhere, because when his teacher would call upon him to give a description of a famous battle, Harvey would immediately launch into a very exciting drama. He held his schoolmates speechless and when his teacher awakened to the fact, she promptly veered him from his usual course. Harvey remained in the eighth grade for three years. Finally he succeeded in entering the high school. It seemed as though the great obstacle in his life was the eighth grade because immediately he took a new interest in school and upon finishing high school he entered the university. There he followed in his father's footsteps and took up journalism. As his father's newspaper was the source of which he obtained his tuition, he returned during the summer months to help edit the local paper. His father, during one of the winters, hired a young girl to help him write his correspondence. This girl enabled Mr. Claymore to keep his financial worries from his son.

Harvey is offered an assistant professorship and he accepts. He returns home and finds that his childhood playmate, Marion Ripley, who has been sent away to private schools, has grown into a very pleasing young lady. Harvey persuades her to go up and attend the same college where he teaches. Here there is a splendid courtship and finally the two have a secret marriage. Marion's parents do not like the marriage. Marion comes from a rich old family which practically brought up Harvey, and Harvey's family was quite poor. The two of them are very unhappy for a few years of their married life, but later as all well-written novels end, the book closes with everyone happy.

This novel is very enjoyable and entertaining. The author writes in good form and holds the reader constant. The end of the book is quite a surprise, but after one thinks about the plot, he readily sees that it couldn't have ended any other way. The book is written in the usual Floyd Dell manner and anyone who has read any of his works will enjoy this.

This novel may be rented at the Carol Bonte Library.

DESERT SUN BEAMS

It was rumored yesterday that Greta Garbo will arrive at a local hotel today.

Gus Parrish of the local airport went to Los Angeles this week and returned Tuesday with Mrs. Parrish and their baby son.

The seventh and eighth grades of the Desert School will present the play, "Hidden Treasure," at the school Saturday evening, February 15. Miss Jane Curry is the director.

Admiral George R. Neal of the United States Navy, accompanied by Mrs. Neal and their daughter, Miss Harriet, and Mrs. J. B. Milton, were guests this week at El Encanto. The latter is Mrs. Neal's mother. The admiral is commander at the Naval Training Station at San Diego. He was the first American commanding officer to sink a German destroyer during the World War, for which he received a medal. The trip to Palm Springs was made over the Palms to Pines highway.

L. R. Frye, state traffic officer, and Maurie Downs, local police officer, are residents at the Central hotel. This information may be of interest to citizens who may wish to reach the officers when they are not on duty.

Cliff Frager received a severe foot injury this week when he was kicked by an unruly horse which he was boarding for a local resident.

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KING ORANGE WILL REIGN SOON OVER CITRUS WORLD AT ANNIVERSARY SHOW



California's Greatest Mid-winter Event, the National Orange Show is rapidly approaching at San Bernardino, the dates being February 21 to March 3.

This organization is celebrating its twenty-fifth birthday with a citrus pageant of rare beauty. The decorations will out-rival those which have made the Orange Show famous in past years. Silver and purple and gold

is the color scheme for the rich drapes and hangings as well as for the score or more of feature displays. The National Horse Show de luxe will again be an added attraction.

Scores of girls will take part in the great stage program which will be offered day and night during the ten days of the show. Here are three of the Orange Blossom beauties.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CELEBRATED OVER NATION

In thousands of cities and hamlets on January 30 the birthday anniversary of President Roosevelt was celebrated with a birthday ball.

Messages of felicitation began to pour in yesterday as Franklin D. Roosevelt, one of America's younger Presidents, reached the eve of another birthday. He is 53.

It is almost one quarter century since Mr. Roosevelt, a young man a few years out of Harvard, entered public life as a New York state senator in January, 1910.

But as he presided over the White House party friends gathered at birthday balls throughout the country to do him honor and aid infantile paralysis victims, the President reflected that few men his age have attained the country's highest post.

He was 51 when he took office. Of the 31 men who have held the Presidency, only eight were younger than that when inaugurated. Among the eight, the youngest was the other Roosevelt—Theodore. For he was only 42 when he put his hand on the Bible. The oldest of all the 31, was William Henry Harrison, who was 62.

Incidentally, the statistics show that modern Americans choose younger Presidents than in the Republic's early days. The average age of the first 10 Presidents was 58 and of the last 10 only 51.

The quarter century of public life started when young Roosevelt surprised himself by winning a state senate seat in a normally Republican district was marked by one tragic interlude. That was the infantile paralysis attack in 1921.

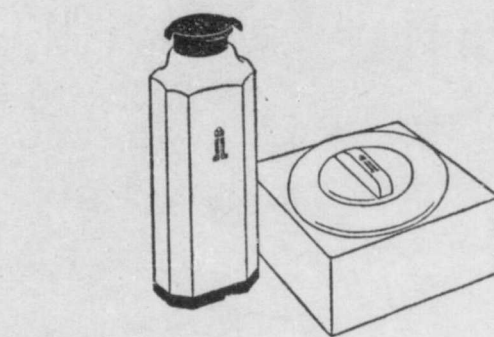
It followed trying days as assistant secretary of the navy during the World War and the subsequent arduous campaign as Democratic vice-presidential nominee in 1920.

But by 1924, Roosevelt was back in the thick of a Democratic national convention, nominating Alfred E. Smith for the Presidency and helping lead the fight through 104 ballots. Again in 1928 he was on hand at the Houston convention to nominate Smith, who in turn insisted that Roosevelt accept the New York gubernatorial nomination. He was called into that contest from his Warm Springs, Ga., retreat and he won. History is recording the rest.

Little Morongo Camp has something about which to stick out its collective chest, according to the report of Safety Engineer Osgood. Its safety record tops that of all the camps on the Coachella division for 1934. During that period its record shows three months (September, November and December) with no lost-time accidents; it won the divisional safety flag for four months (August, October, November, and December), and its accident frequency record—235.876 with lost-time frequency of 55—is the best on the division.

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ing incident in the bear controversy, but on September 7 Mr. Gentry had a half-column tirade in the Sun upbraiding the "small minority" who objected to restocking the mountains with bears "as harmless as dogs." It follows, therefore, that Mr. Gentry is to blame for the story above.

be permitted to continue flowing down the river for Palo Verde, Yuma and Imperial valley use. This water will be released through gates in the plug of No. 1 tunnel.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." These words from 1 John are the Golden Text in the Lesson-Sermon on "Love" on Sunday in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

A Bible selection in the Lesson-Sermon includes these words from the epistle to the Hebrews, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

Among the correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, are the statements: "Passions, selfishness, false appetites, hatred, fear, all sensuality, yield to spirituality, and the superabundance of being is on the side of God, good.... The way to extract error from mortal mind is to pour in truth through flood tides of Love."

BOULDER DAM STORAGE TO BE STARTED FRIDAY, THIS WEEK

An historical engineering hour will be 7:30 a. m. Friday when the storage of water will be begun behind gigantic Boulder dam.

A huge steel gate will be dropped into its slot in Uo. 4 diversion tunnel at that hour, when one of the world's greatest engineering projects will begin to work for mankind.

Imperial valley in California will be assured of flood control and protection against drought and thousands of acres of other land will be served and many acres of new waste land reclaimed.

At present the No. 4 tunnel, on the Arizona side, is carrying all the river's flow, which is not much at this season, only about 3,000 second feet.

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TWENTY FAMOUS GOLFERS TO PLAY HERE FEB. 12-13

Twenty golfers—the top-notchers of the professional field of the United States—are looking forward to competition in the first annual invitational Palm Springs golf tournament, to be played on the Desert Golf Course on February 12th and 13th.

Two thousand dollars in prize money will be at stake in the medal play of 72 holes, each golfer playing 36 holes a day.

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the tournament, are now engaged in preparing for the event, which will be one of the most distinctive and colorful on the nation's winter golf calendar.

John Cline, manager of the Desert Golf Course, told members of the Junior Chamber at their meeting last Wednesday night that he expects the course to be in splendid condition for the play, with the putting greens receiving particular attention.

The professional golfers coming to Palm Springs will include Walter Hagen, winner of 45 major championships; Harold McSpaden, sensational young player who has won a majority of the big California contests this season; Jim Thompson, Craig Wood, Horton Smith, Leo Diegel, Olin Dutra and other nationally known links figures.

Jaycee committees have been appointed, and have already started to work.

Wedding Saturday Night to be Big Social Event

Word reached The Desert Sun today of an important social event that will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at the home of W. H. Kidston, in Tahquitz Desert Estates.

N. K. Clark and Miss Mary Rotelle, prominent socialites of New York City, are to be married. The wedding will be a surprise to many guests who will arrive from Los Angeles, Pasadena, Hollywood and Beverly Hills, who will not know that they were invited to Mr. Kidston's home for a wedding, until they arrive here.

REALTY SERVICE REPORTS SOME IMPORTANT DEALS

Edmund Lindop of Chicago has purchased a tract of land adjoining the La Rambla tract on the east, which he will immediately subdivide into homesites. The property was purchased through Realty Service Company, who will act as sales agents for the subdivision.

William Jahns of Pasadena purchased a lot in La Rambla and is planning to build a new home. A lot in the same subdivision was sold to James Taylor.

Ellis S. Gotthebeut recently purchased property in La Rambla tract, and his home is now under construction.

Among the homes leased through Realty Service is the Stillman property in Solsonia tract to Prof. and Mrs. Lewis M. Tremain. Prof. Tremain is professor of psychology at Stanford University.

Judge and Mrs. Wilbur F. Downs and son have taken the Campbell house in Vista Santa Rosa tract. They spent the season here last year.

An all-metal garage, something new in Palm Springs, will be under construction next week by Glenn McKinney, of The Desert Forge. The car shelter is being built for Dr. J. J. Kocher near his all-metal building now under construction south of the El Mirador Garage. It will have a circular roof, and the metal will become rustless by being covered with aluminum paint.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burnham are spending a few days at their home in Pasadena.

Dr. Frank C. Tillson, mayor of Burbank, who has been a guest at the Central Hotel, returned this week to his home. A car from the Burbank police department brought Mayor Tillson to Palm Springs, and called for him when he was ready to return.

Leo C. McCurdy of Los Angeles has become associated with Paul Kersten at the El Camino Iron Studio. Mr. McCurdy has specialized the past 25 years in high-class lighting fixtures, which is a feature at the Iron Studio, having one of the finest displays in the county. Mr. McCurdy has designed fixtures for many fine homes in the Beverly Hills-Hollywood area.

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FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION IS PROPOSED HERE

At last week's meeting of the Realty Board, E. T. Fulford proposed the formation of a Federal Savings and Loan Association in Palm Springs, which combines government capital with local capital. Such associations now in operation have netted investors better than four per cent interest.

"Under the system whereby private building and loan associations formerly were operated, the certificates purchased by the public were at a fixed rate of interest," said Mr. Fulford, "but under the Federal Savings and Loan Association no higher rate of interest can be paid to certificate holders than that actually earned by the association."

"The plan as devised by the Federal government is not new. It has been in operation in European countries, particularly France and Belgium, for over a hundred years."

"The benefits to a community such as Palm Springs would be many. The association will have a little more latitude in making loans for the construction of homes than has been the normal practice of banks. Loans are repayable over a period extending up to twenty years. Such an association in Palm Springs would make available large sums of money for construction purposes, which are not available now."

"We have in our village many investors who are willing and able to help their fellow villagers with the loan of money for construction purposes, without the difficulties incurred in making private loans."

"The F.S.L.A. branches are local enterprises, formed in much the same way as would be any other local company. For Palm Springs to receive a charter permitting the forming of the Palm Springs Federal Savings & Loan Association there must be at least thirty applicants for the purchase of shares, and a subscription capital on the part of private individuals of at least \$25,000. Under the plan as provided by the act, the government may purchase \$3 worth of shares for every \$1 purchased by private capital."

"The association would be run by a local board of directors without interference by the government, except for regular inspections during the year. Loans would be limited to a maximum of \$20,000 to one person. In addition to loans for single homes, loans may be made to cover four dwellings on one lot. No officer or director of the association may have more than one loan. The dividends from shares are exempt from federal tax, except for the surtax, inheritance, and gift tax."

"Shares may be purchased by an individual, a corporation or a minor. There are five types of shares. The government intends to further encourage thrift by giving a premium of 1 per cent to regular share buyers. The government insures the investor against loss up to \$5,000 but does not insure interest or returns. The association plan is devised primarily as a thrift project for those of medium circumstances."

"An application for a loan will be treated much the same as elsewhere and will be based upon the appraisal of the property as made by the association's appraisal board and the ability of the borrower to repay. The board of directors of a F.S.L.A. is composed of five to fifteen persons and the government recommends as far as practical that the directors be of different vocations."

"There are 480 of these associations operating today in the United States, and 28 of them are in California. One of the successful associations in Southern California is that of Westwood Hills, which was formed by the Janss Investment Company. We are informed that one-half of the necessary sum to get a charter for Palm Springs is already subscribed. The government makes no allowance for promotion expense of any kind, so that one hundred cents of every dollar goes directly into the association. No one person can get control of an association as the voting power of a share holder does not increase beyond a \$5,000 investment."

"The Palm Springs charter will cover a radius of fifty miles. The association is required to be a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank, which is under the direct control of the Federal Reserve System."

Committees for the local Realty Board were named this week by the board's new president, John C. Munholland. They are: Publicity, John Chaffey, chairman; Robert Ranson, A. J. (Tony) Burke, Harold Hicks; membership: Wm. Patton, chairman; A. G. McManus, A. O. Palmer; Finance: J. W. Williams, chairman; Rufus Chapman, Herbert Samson; village improvement: Culver Nichols, chairman; Dr. J. J. Kocher, Ed Mc-

DESERT LAND

You are fearful, desert land,
Desert land,
When the air from mountains grand
Falls with floods and biting cold,
Roaring down through canyons old,
Desert land, desert land,

Or in summer, desert land,
Desert land,
When the heat, naught can withstand,
Blazes on the sand dunes dry,
Numbing brain and dazzling eye,
Desert land, desert land,

You are lovely, desert land,
Desert land,
When your atmosphere is bland
And your sky is clear and blue
And your flowers of fairest hue,
Desert land, desert land.

You are matchless, desert land,
Desert land,
Where your graceful palm trees stand
Stately in the moonlight fair,
While a gentle breeze breathes there,
Desert land, desert land.

You are helpful, desert land,
Desert land,
And you meet the soul's demand,
Wearied by the stress and strife
Of the strenuous city life,
Desert land, desert land.

You are healing, desert land,
Desert land,
When the sun smiles on your sand,
And the sick ones here again
Find relief from ills and pain,
Desert land, desert land.

We are thankful, desert land,
Desert land,
For the inspiration grand
Which we feel when we are here,
Making God seem very near,
Desert land, desert land.

—Robert L. Edwards.



(By Cyril K. Hannason, Scoutmaster)

In line with the program of expansion, outlined and being carried forward by the Scouts of Palm Springs, a Sea Scout ship and an Indian patrol have been added to the existing patrols of the troop. Under the leadership of Scout James Maynard the Sea Scout patrol meets regularly and on these "cruises" is fast becoming familiar with nautical activities and nomenclature. This group is composed of older boys who have become experienced land Scouts and are branching out into new fields to conquer. They have ordered their Sea Scout uniforms and will blossom out for the first time in their new "top sails" during the anniversary celebration of the twenty-fifth birthday of the Boy Scouts of America.

The new Indian patrol will be led by Scout Paul Siva, who, by the way, is the leading village exponent of Indian dances and is well known, and seen often, during his presentations of Indian dances at the various hotels and resorts. This patrol will be made up entirely of Indians and their program and activities in connection with scouting, will also be indigenous to Indian lore and the customs of the Indians in our neighborhood.

The Scouts turned out as a troop last Saturday and did a community "good turn" in helping to clear the bridge trails of debris of various sorts. A lunch was provided by Mrs. Coffman of the Desert Inn and in the evening they were entertained by Earle Strebe at the Palm Springs Theatre.

On February the 8th the Scouts will go to March Field, to celebrate with other Scout troops of Riverside county council, the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America. They will be entertained at dinner by Col. H. H. Arnold and his

Manus, Shelton Gray; legislation: Robert L. Edwards, chairman; Raymond Cree, W. E. Rabbeth and J. G. Munholland.

Officers of the new board are: J. G. Munholland, president; Robert Ranson, vice-president; Harold Hicks, secretary, and J. W. Williams, treasurer.

staff. A review by the Colonel of Scout troops and a tour of inspection of the hangars and a wing review by the personnel of March Field, winding up with the rededication of the Scout Oath and Law through a national radio hook-up with the President of the United States speaking, to bring the birthday party to a close.

Watch the Palm Springs Scouts!

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Maegly of Portland, Oregon, are spending the season at the Del Tahquitz hotel. Mrs. Maegly spent last season here, and she is accompanied by her husband this year, who will remain for a month. Mrs. Maegly is a lover of flowers, having a flower garden consisting of nine lots planted to many varieties of flowers, for the pleasure of her family and friends. When the couple left Portland two weeks ago it was snowing and freezing, the snow being two feet deep, which was a great contrast to the warmth and sunshine of Palm Springs.

EXCELLENT CAST FEATURES NEW CROSBY SHOW



Kitty Carlisle and Bing Crosby Paramount's new comedy, "Here Is My Heart" at the Palm Springs Theatre, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 1-2, presents Bing Crosby with one of the best supporting casts he has had in a film. It includes Kitty Carlisle, first seen with Crosby in "She Loves Me Not"; Allison Skipworth, Roland Young, star of the Broadway hit, "Her Master's Voice," and Reginald Owen, character actor, widely acclaimed for his portrayal in "Of Human Bondage." The songs for the new film were written by Ralph Rainger and Leo Robin, authors of "Love in Bloom" and include "With Every Breath I Take," "June in January" and "Love Is Just Around the Corner."

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INCOME TAX RETURNS TO BE EXPEDITED BY OFFICIAL VISIT

A representative of the Internal Revenue department will visit Riverside county cities in February to assist citizens in making out income tax returns.

The dates are given below:
Riverside, Federal building, Feb. 18 to March 15.
Banning, postoffice, Feb. 16 and 18.
Beaumont, Chamber of commerce, Feb. 15.
Coachella, First National Bank, Feb. 20.
Corona, city hall, Feb. 4-5.
Elsinore, postoffice, Feb. 6-7.
Hemet, chamber of commerce, Feb. 9-11-12.
Indio, city hall, Feb. 21 and 23.
Palm Springs, postoffice, Feb. 19.
Perris, Bank of Perris, Feb. 8.
San Jacinto, First National Bank, Feb. 13.

JUSTICE COURTS' ACTIVITIES TOLD IN REPORTS

Figures showing the work of 14 of the 19 justice courts of the county, were filed with the board of supervisors Monday by District Attorney Earl Redwine, on information furnished by the justices themselves. Five did not submit the information required, the district attorney stated.

Following is a summary of the data presented, including salaries, total number of trials, total number of cases filed and amounts collected:

Riverside township—Salary \$2400, trials 76, cases 2495, collections \$3940.65.
Temescal—Salary \$1410; trials 44, cases 391, collections \$1424.60.
San Geronimo (Palm Springs-Banning)—Salary \$900, trials 50, cases 916, collections \$4971.43.
Elsinore—Salary \$420, trials 18, cases 142, collections \$883.50.
San Jacinto—Salary \$300, trials 10, cases 55, collections \$199.
Thermal—Salary \$300, cases 73, collections \$222.
Highgrove—Salary \$300, cases 200, collections \$1196.50.
Beaumont—Salary \$300, trials 106, cases 857, collections \$4523.95.
Murrieta—Salary \$120, trials three, cases 38, collections \$72.
Diamond—Salary \$120, trials four, cases 13, collections \$8.25.
Mecca—Salary \$600, trials 76, cases 111, collections \$1208.50.
Coachella—Salary \$600, trials 43, cases 182, collections \$899.82.
Indio—Salary \$600, trials 305, cases 600, collections \$1740.60.
Palo Verde—Salary \$600, trials 101, case 95, collections \$194.

GOVERNOR MERRIAM WILL BE SPEAKER AT MISSOURI REUNION IN LOS ANGELES

The big winter event for the Missourians of all Southern California will be the great picnic reunion to be held in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, all day, Tuesday, February 12, Lincoln's birthday anniversary. Sam A. Sealeman, president of the Missouri State Society of Southern California, has secured Governor Frank F. Merriam as the guest and speaker of the day. He will make it a great reception to the guests, with life and drum corps, patriotic leaders, officers of the state societies and of the federation of state societies. While this will be the reunion of the Missourians any one is welcome. President Sealeman will provide county registers, serve hot coffee and supply silk souvenir badges. The program and the governor's address will follow the basket dinner hour.

NEW ASSEMBLYMAN PRAISES RIVERSIDE COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Assemblyman Gordon Corwin of Redlands, home from his first session of the California Legislature, complimented Assemblyman John Phillips this week.

"Being a junior member of the Assembly, I counted my self fortunate to sit beside Assemblyman John Phillips, of Banning, who has a high rating in Sacramento," said Mr. Corwin. "Mr. Phillips has an excellent grasp on legislative procedure and is one of the best informed and most hard-working men there."

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SACRAMENTO LETTER...

(By Assemblyman John Phillips)

THE TOWNSEND PLAN

Somebody in the county has evidently circulated the report that your Senator and your Assemblyman have signed resolutions asking Congress to pass the Townsend Old Age Revolving Pension Plan. I have seen it in most of the county papers but the prize goes to the Palm Springs Lighthouse, whose editor gave the matter a clever and semi-humorous stickful under the "Happy Event Department" and proposed a debate between Samuel Untermyer, who opposes the plan, and your Assemblyman, who, she says, is for it "hammer and tongs."

Now, the compliments, spoken and implied, are appreciated, and it is a temptation to say nothing if there is any chance of being asked to debate this, or any other, subject with a man so brilliant and famous as Samuel Untermyer. Unfortunately, when I was a little boy, I was compelled to write in my "copy book" that "Honesty is the best policy"—and this has handicapped me somewhat ever since, especially in political life.

The resolutions which your Senator and I signed, in our respective houses, did not ask Congress to pass the Townsend Plan, but asked it to study the plan. Furthermore, while some day I may be a good enough politician to sign such bills, or others like them, simply because such signing would please a lot of people, and so influence votes, I have not yet reached that advanced state of political evolution, and actually signed this Townsend Plan resolution because I sincerely want Congress, or some other body, to study the plan.

For a year I've tried to get certain figures. It may be that I shall be for the plan ("hammer and tongs" if you wish!) when this information is in my hands. Fantastic as the Townsend Plan seemed at first, Dr. Townsend may have hit upon a basic theory, astonishing in its simplicity, that will correct some of our economic faults.

The information I want is this: Just what costs in our expensive national balance sheet would the Plan offset? You know and I know that there isn't money enough to pay \$200 per month to everyone in the United States over 60, in addition to all present governmental costs, and without offset. We know that money is like water, and seeks its level. Since there isn't money now, the payment of the Plan without offset, would mean the printing of new money and it would mean that printing of so much new money that like water it would soon seek its own economic level and we'd simply have to take down two or more new dollars to buy what one old dollar will buy now. The aged recipient under the Plan would be no whit better off than if he, or she, had been given \$100 per month, or less, on a revolving plan, with present currency, and those on salary not getting pension money, would be worse off.

I omit for the moment any consideration of what the monthly figure should be. It is important, but the most important thing is that it should be enough, which is not the case, and never can be the case, in California, if we must carry a state pension system. There is also the revolving feature, which is new and intriguing. However, after studying retail store records, we realize that there are few items of merchandise that have so frequent a turnover that they meet the requirements of the Townsend Plan. We simply don't buy autos every month, nor houses, nor even clothes, and even in depression times we do eat so much that we couldn't possibly eat, say 12 times what we eat now.

The information I want is about offsets. I want to know how much is spent in every state to care for, and house, young men and women who will take jobs vacated by those over 60; just how much of the yearly cost of crime (estimated roughly at over 20 billions a year) would be eliminated if (1) young people were all (or most of them) at productive and time-filling work, for most modern crimes are committed by youths, or (2) if people realized that a clean past record was a requirement for a comfortable living after 60. I want to know how much it costs every state to feed and house and care for and amuse and finally bury every person over 60 who does not have an old age pension—for statistics show that less than 10 percent of the people over 60 are self-supporting, so somebody is paying on this bill right now; and I'd want to know how much welfare work among those under 60, and over 25, would be eliminated by the fact that old people could now help care for their own families (which I suspect they'd like to do) instead of having the state care for them. Then I'd want a few figures on the possible, and probable, increases in the manufacturing output of radios, and cloth-

ing, and houses, and flower seeds, and furniture, and books, and so on and on, if people over 60 could buy luxuries as well as the bare necessities, and such services as dry cleaners and beauty parlors could furnish me a few figures, as could travel agencies. Start on these and I'll ask for more later!

I want to know too, what assurance we have that these offsetting governmental costs will actually stop, if such a plan as the Townsend Plan, or any other, were to pass. It's an old American custom, in government, to start a new expenditure, supposed to substitute for an old expenditure, and then continue the old, as well as the new.

There is another point, too, which few people would consider. I do. I have been for old age pensions for years, long before the subject became popular, politically, in fact, when it was fairly unpopular. Old age pensions are not only morally and socially sound, they are economically sound. But year after year I've seen the idea defeated through lack of interest and perhaps through the efforts of those who are afraid they would have to pay the bills. The aged, and the country, have suffered from the shortsightedness of the wealthy. If Dr. Townsend has done nothing else he has made this country "old-age-pension-conscious" and for that alone he deserves credit and support.

I want figures, not merely enthusiasm or hope, for enthusiasm is no good to an analyst, and the building of false hope is criminal. Then I will tell you, very promptly, whether or not I am for the Townsend Plan. I have an idea the figures could surprise a lot of us. Until then I am in favor of making a study of the Plan!

JOHN PHILLIPS.

January 24, 1935.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 6.—Introduced by Messrs. Stream, McBride, Phillips, Martin, Corwin, Riley, Walker, Andreas, Wright, Cunningham, Redwine and Hunt, January 9, 1935. Referred to committee on Federal relations.

Relative to memorializing the President and Congress to carefully consider what is known as the Townsend Plan of Old Age Revolving Pension.

Whereas, The care of the dependent aged has become so great a financial burden to some states that the economic welfare and stability of such states are seriously affected and even threatened; and

Whereas, The problem of the care of the dependent aged has recently attained major proportions throughout the nation, owing largely to the increasing mechanization of our industrial system and to the fact that the economic depression has destroyed the financial independence of a large number of our people, including even those who had prudently prepared for the time when they could no longer earn a livelihood; and

Whereas, It seems wise to retire from industry and business those whose efficiency is declining because of advancing old age, thus giving more opportunity for employment and advancement to younger workers; and

Whereas, experience has shown that when ownership of property disqualifies the owner for receipt of an old age pension, a serious injustice is effected and a penalty imposed upon those whose prudence and thrift has led them to prepare for old age by investment in a home or other small holdings, but who have no income with which to support themselves and to preserve their property, particularly since there is often no market for the property; and

Whereas, Doctor F. E. Townsend, of Long Beach, California, has devised a plan commonly known as the "Townsend Plan of Old Age Revolving Pension"; and

Whereas, The President of the United States has recognized the responsibility of the Federal government in this matter, and has indicated that he will recommend to the Congress of the United States, at its next session, that there be legislation bearing on this problem; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the President and the Congress of the United States is hereby respectfully urged to carefully consider the enactment of an old age pension law and to study the "Townsend Plan of Old Age Revolving Pension"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Governor of the State of California is hereby requested to transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and member of the House of Representatives from California in the Congress of the United States, and that such Senators and members from California are hereby respectfully urged to study such legislation.

No matter how long I represent Riverside county in the Legislature, I doubt if I will ever sit through as

dramatic and significant a day as Saturday the 26th. No newspaper could do justice to it. Several news services reported it as a "party fight" and called the passage of AB 23 a "Democratic victory." This made better "news" but was very far from accurate, for when the tide seemed turning against this bill, it was the leadership of progressive Republican members, among them some of the staunchest friends of the administration, which saved the day.

It was more than a victory for a real moratorium bill, it was significant. The Senate must, in the future, consider the Assembly with more respect. Progressive leadership is now established in the lower house. The import of the entire action should be understood by everyone in the county and for that reason I speak of it only in this letter. Instead of interrupting these letters during February as two years ago, I intend, if the editors will accept them, to comment briefly upon certain bills in which the county will be (or should be!) interested, and upon which I'd like to have your reactions.

The moratorium situation was, and is, as follows: We had two bills presented. The first, AB 23, was based on the so-called "Minnesota Plan," (the only moratorium plan that has been held constitutional by the Supreme Court) which provided that when the foreclosure point is reached, for either trust deed or mortgage, the matter must be submitted to the Superior Court, sitting as a court of equity, and after a hearing the judge will decide how much shall be paid, and how. This is a brief statement. Determining the income possibilities of the property, or the financial condition of the debtor, he may order taxes to be paid, or not; interest to be paid in part or in whole, and even the principal to be paid in whole or part. He must see that the property is kept up. This was the original AB 23; please keep in mind that some changes exist in the bill as passed.

The other is AB 44, which simply continued the present moratorium, under which no debtor received relief unless he could pay accumulated taxes in full and pay interest. On the other hand the debtor who was quite able to pay the principal was relieved of this obligation, if he could pay interest and taxes. This point of taxes was crucial because it has been held that acceptance of the state plan to pay in installments (passed by the 50th and special sessions) did not constitute a "payment of taxes" under the moratorium law we now have.

In the opinion of over three-quarters of the Assembly the present moratorium is no moratorium, is unfair to both debtor and creditor, is of questionable constitutionality, and puts the state in the position of the famous man who had the bear by the tail and couldn't let go. Any moratorium is essentially unsound, no matter how necessary, and the quicker we devise a way to come back to normal conditions, the better for the country. AB 23 offered this way; AB 44 put us further into the moratorium mire.

The papers call AB 23 the "Democratic Bill" because it was put in by Assemblyman Wm. Moseley Jones, the Democratic leader. What if it was? Several Republicans, including myself, took the same plan to Sacramento in our brief cases, and decided this was no time to fight over whose name ap-

peared on the bill, which is another indication of the temper of this Assembly. All united behind AB 23.

The critical vote on Saturday, which turned the tide in our favor, was 72 to three or four, which makes it rather amusing to read the reports of a "party fight."

The Assembly wanted the Minnesota Plan; the Senate stood, by a small but determined margin for an extension of the present moratorium. In September, we made the mistake of sending both plans over to the Senate, because we felt time was short, and through misunderstanding and perhaps some confusion of leadership. They promptly ditched the Minnesota plan and forced us, by threats of going home without any extension of the moratorium, to extend the old plan.

If a bee stings you once, that is excusable, but if the same bee stings you twice, that's your fault, was the motto of the Assembly this time. AB 23 was sent over to the Senate, and every suggestion of "let's send both bills over, so we may have both up for discussion," was voted down by margins so large that there was no doubt of the House's position. The Senate thereupon amended AB 23 by taking out everything but the number, and writing in all of AB 44! The Assembly promptly refused to accept the amendments. Under parliamentary law a "free conference committee" is then appointed, three members from each house, two representing the majority and one the minority. The Senate would not recede from its position.

This was the "zero hour." The Senate threatened to go home without a moratorium rather than accept AB 23, or its terms. The House, full of new men, was wavering. Jones, the author of the bill, expressed doubt as to what course to follow. He asked the wishes of the House. He got them! In no uncertain terms, the Assembly replied that the time to decide the moratorium question was now; that the Senate bee had stung us in September, and that was enough; that our time was of less importance than relief to the people of California, and that if the Senate cared to carry out its threat to go back home, the Assembly would be quite willing to go back to those same homes and discuss who was responsible for the failure to give relief, and why. The vote to refuse the Senate amendments was 72 to 4, although one or two, for parliamentary reasons, changed on the record.

Then occurred the first of the five incidents which to my mind was unprecedented. The refusal to concur would, in the ordinary course, go to the Senate, on a prepared form, by one of the pages, a routine matter. By motion, the Assembly sent a special committee of its own members to notify the Senate of its action and its determination to stand by AB 23. No sooner had this committee left the Chamber than by motion, the Assembly struck from its records the action of some days before, on the joint motion to adjourn. Call it impossible, if you like. It was! The resolution was already on file in the office of the Secretary of State, and the adjournment time was passed, with both Assembly and Senate clocks stopped.

Again the Assembly, instead of the routine method, sent a committee of its own members to tell the Senate of this action and that it was determined to stay in Sacramento until the mora-

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torium matter was settled, and that it was equally determined to hold the Senate here. It is amusing to note that the committee consisted of Assemblymen Hornblower, Hunt and Voigt, the two largest, and the smallest members of the Assembly, an indication of the way in which the Speaker is controlling the House, with both firmness and good humor. It was at this point that the most astounding incident of the day happened. As this special committee rose, to go to the Senate, the entire Assembly, with the exception of possibly a half dozen members, and entirely spontaneously, rose and accompanied them!

Has anything like that happened in California's history? Further, upon the delivery of the message and the return to its own house, the Assembly passed a resolution that if the Senate left with the moratorium question unsettled, we would petition to Governor to call a "Special Session" immediately—and bring us all back. Here's another action of questionable unconstitutionality—can a special session be called during the constitutional recess? Anyway, the Senate must have been impressed, for during these last incidents, a committee, of which your Assemblyman was chairman, was meeting with another Senate committee, and to make the story as short as possible, the Senate receded from its position, accepted AB 23, writing into it an expiration date, September 1st, with the understanding that the bill would have to be re-debated in March anyway; and the Assembly accepted the requirement that insurance must be kept up and that taxes must be paid, provided however, that the debtor may pay according to any pres-

ent law, which means by installments if desired.

We may have been "undignified"; we may have done "the unprecedented"—but we got the moratorium! If you agree with the Assembly, it will be necessary to let the Senate know this before the matter comes up for further discussion in March.

BIDS TO BE OPENED FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Bids for leveling the dips and straightening the curve near the Richfield Beacon service station, west of Banning, and for eliminating dips and other curves on 16.8 miles of highway 99 between Beaumont and Whitewater, will be opened next Thursday at the Los Angeles office of the state department of public works.

An appropriation of \$67,000 has been made for the work, which continues last year's project. Last year, the state eliminated more than 30 dangerous dips on the highway between Cabazon and Whitewater.

Besides the dangerous "death curve" at the Richfield Beacon, the notorious "Owl dips" at the small bridge over the San Geronio wash, east of Banning, will come under the improvement project.

Widening of the roadway near the Richfield beacon, also will be a part of the planned project.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Private correspondence school solicitors are besieging the high school these times, four of them having asked for the names of high school graduates within the past ten days. Naturally these lists of names are not available through the office. Neither does the high school office recommend any of these schools, though there is in the office a list of reliable correspondence institutions. Prospective students may have access to any information in possession of the high school in formulating their judgments as to the worthiness of schools represented.

Ethelwyn Miller, freshman, has moved with her parents from Cabazon to Monrovia. She will register in the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte H. S.

The B basketball team won at Elsinore Naval School, Friday evening, 30-13. The A's lost their game 26-19. No alibis are offered by or for the A's. They played a fine game, were in position for many fine shots—which they made but which they could not land in the basket. On the other hand, the E. N. S. A's were hitting the basket.

Recent snows in the mountains have started the ski and toboggan craze among the boys in the shop. Ralph Murchison, Stuart Elder, Mason Lund, Gene Burson, Clarence Wheeler and Dick Laird have either made or are in the process of constructing toboggans. Benny Allen, Calvin Brown and Jimmie Higbee have been working on skis. Bending the wood is a trick requiring an elongated galvanized container, the use of a flame and hot water, and considerable amounts of patience and skill. Mr. Kay, shop master, has been spending his evenings with the boys in their preparation for winter sports.

The shop is a busy place for aside from the manufacture of skis and toboggans there is a wide variety of projects in process at all times. Automobiles in their dotage line the place. Most of them have been disassembled. Parts lie loosely about while Max Rubright, Earl Neel, Fred Donaldson, Clyde Rutherford, Francis Dunn, Morrin Clemens, and Ray Gay as "owners and operators" furbish up the outsidies and doctor up the precious insides of these machines that have seen balmy days. Fred Donaldson is pepping up what appears to be a Ford, but by the time it gets out on the highway its own maker will not recognize it. Earl Neel is injecting new life into a Chevrolet to give it a performance out of harmony with its appearance. Paint is making others look like what they ain't!

Shop boys are taking every piece of equipment in the department apart, cleaning it up, painting it, and re-assembling it. Bob Adams and Jimmie Wakeland are shining the power saw, and completing the construction of a long work bench. Joe Rios, Ralph Hernandez, W. R. Trout, and Leslie Burnside are removing the grime and grease from the surfacing machine preparatory to painting it. Wilmer Bullard has undertaken to polish and paint the band saw. When renovation of the machinery is complete, it will be re-arranged on the floor.

Ben Allen is a cunning worker in wood. He has just completed an "occasional" table with turned and fluted legs and oval-shaped top which has shaped edges. It is a Philippine mahogany creation.

Jack Plumley and Warren Pinney are canvassing the student body for votes for president of the organization. The election has excited less interest than usual. Maybe this is because the girls have seemingly gone out of politics. A year ago, Alice Lynn defeated two excellent boy candidates for the position.

Miss Rachel Weller is starting her department on the annual music festival. This year's performance will in all probability be a bigger one than the "Show Boat Revue" of last year. The morning recitation schedule has been changed by cutting the long periods to forty-six minutes and lengthening the home room period. Practice for the musicale will occur during this longer home room period. "This gives every boy and girl in school an opportunity to take part. Palm Springs and Cathedral City students have the same chance that Banning pupils have to participate in this 'useful social activity.' Leaders in education today know that not all of the training in school is to be procured from books. Cramming of factual information is being displaced by doing things, experiencing, and socializing.

Miss Weller's entertainments are so constructed that she makes use of every type of talent in the school. Play-

ers of instruments of all kinds, singers—boys and girls with voices good and not so good, clog dancers, interpretive dancers, folk dancers, variety entertainers—all find places where they are perfect fits.

The experimental noon-day dance was so successful that other similar experiments will be tried. The next one will probably be held at the close of the day though the students oppose the idea on the grounds that it interferes with basketball practice and delays the departure of the first bus by several minutes. In Los Angeles high schools, social dancing is carried on at intervals within the physical education periods. This is not possible at Banning, and quite probably not desirable.

Roy Bosley, Aubrey Shideler and Elmer Quinn are the efficient bus drivers and custodians of B. U. H. S. buses and premises. These men can do almost anything that needs to be done around the place from patch-plastering and painting to relining brakes and repairing electrical equipment. If a simple bit of plumbing needs to be done, they do it. Imagine their surprise a few weeks ago when they received invitations to a mass meeting of master plumbers of America!

Frank Albright, who transferred to Calipatria, has returned to Banning and re-entered school.

Leah Belle Rifkin leads the first year typing class with a speed of thirty-one net words per minute. She is followed closely by the following students in order: Elizabeth Paige, Clyde Rutherford, Doris Johnson, Elsie Johnson, Jean McCallum, Mary Nielsen and Marjorie Morrison.

Report cards covering the work of pupils for the semester just ended were sent home by the students, Wednesday afternoon. "Why should we have report cards?" someone asks. B. U. H. S. justifies their use on the following grounds: (1) They inform parents and pupils of pupils' achievement; (2) they are incentives to study; (3) they promote competition; (4) they assist in determining graduation; (5) they predict a pupil's future success; (7) they enable college authorities to pass on the qualifications of entrance candidates; (8) they determine credits, honors, etc., and (9) they determine participation in extra-curricular activities.

Banning D's and C's went to Hemet, Tuesday afternoon, and brought back the basketball bacon. D score—Banning 19; Hemet 18. C score—Banning 28; Hemet, 10. Manuel Salazar, Gene Burson, Buck Gardner, Clarence Wheeler, Bob Patterson, Joe Omlin, and Edmond Toll made up the D squad, and Gerald Crew, Theodore McKinney, Joe Rios, Terry Black, Albert Gauff, George Hopper, Harry Trotter, Junior Davis, William Hobbs and Donald Reyes were the boys who made C history.

Pauline and Oneida Moody are two new sophomores. They registered, Monday, from Redlands.

Average attendance for the fifth month dropped from 240 to 218. This will indicate something of the toll that bad colds have taken. A number of students however have transferred out of school to other institutions.

All hands to Perris, Friday evening, for four games of basketball. Perris has good teams this year, and Banning needs all the support she can get.

Jack Plumley is the new student body president as a result of Monday's balloting. Other officers are Stuart Elder, first vice-president; Wayne Fidderoft, second vice-president; Wesley Ervin, third vice-president; Jesse Sellers, collector; Mary Lou Carter, secretary; Vivian Carroll, Ray A. Gay, and Donald Reyes, yell leaders.

NOTED LION HUNTER SHOOT DOWN BEAST

Carl Hert, one of the West's most noted lion hunters, who has prowled the San Bernardino mountains for years, killed a large female lion in the south fork of the Santa Ana below Allison's ranch.

The lioness, trailed and treed by two of Hert's dogs, on a lion search for the first time, had killed at least five deer. Carcasses of two of the deer were found together, with three others nearby. His praise of the dogs, novices in the hunt, was high. Starting at daybreak, they caught and killed the lioness by 10 a. m.

Hert will receive \$75 from the county and \$30 from the state as payment for killing the lioness. The state pays only \$20 for a male.

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SECOND HALF OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION PROMISES THRILLS

Economic and financial proposals which caused a furor in state politics several months ago will be given serious consideration by California's legislature when it reconvenes after the February recess.

Included among the measures for relieving unemployment were bills advocating adoption of the EPIC plan of "production for use"; state aid for self-help cooperatives, and an administration subsistence farm plan, in addition to numerous suggestions that would not be so far-reaching.

Plans for raising new revenue included gross receipts, gross transactions, increased sales, gas, inheritance, liquor and bank and corporation franchise taxes; levies on luxuries and gifts.

Even the syncretax plans, previously dreaded by state officials, was ordered investigated, with a complete report and recommendations to be presented to the legislature in 1937.

Demands of ex-EPIC democrats for adoption of their "production for use" plan were met by an administration proposal to use \$5,000,000 of the state's \$24,000,000 unemployment relief bond issue to purchase thousands of acres of fertile and irrigated acres in Inyo and San Bernardino counties and start subsistence farms.

The land would be divided into 40-acre tracts and given to selected unemployed families who eventually would acquire title to the property. No rental would be charged, and the state would furnish seed, livestock, fowls and implements.

Legislators who rallied behind Upton Sinclair last fall chuckled over a statement released by the state department of motor vehicles the other day.

During the height of the political campaign, the department reported that automobile travel into California had increased heavily after Sinclair had remarked that his election "probably would draw the unemployed to California." The department's figures were used in pamphlets telling about "great hordes" of unemployed pouring into the state because of Sinclair's promises.

The most recent department statement on the subject said:

"Reflecting the general upturn in business conditions throughout the country, California's tourist crop for 1934, as represented by permits issued for non-resident automobiles, showed a gain of 19,138 over 1933. A total of 110,018 non-resident permits were issued, but the total number of non-resident cars entering the state was 154,884. The number of passengers counted was 439,753."

No mention was made of Sinclair having been responsible for the increase.

A bill by Senator Ralph E. Swing, proposing a constitutional amendment giving the legislature power to control fixed charges and setting \$5,000 as the maximum salary for state officers other than those elected by the people, appeared destined to be buried.

News concerning the bill caused a flood of protests to descend upon Swing and other members of the legislature. Teachers, particularly, swamped the mails with letters. Educational costs are fixed charges, and teachers pointed out that if the legislature controlled education, schools might become political footballs. And salaries of teachers might be trimmed.

Swing's bill proposed that the governor be given the power to raise appointive salaries above the \$5,000 maximum if he wished. Critics of this provision said the bill would give the governor unlimited power to spend heavily on salaries.

After the senator had told the upper house about the protests, he suggested that the bill be sent to committee "and given decent burial."

The Hemet News says that, 15 years ago, apricots netted the Hemet growers an average of \$104 a ton. The highest grade brought \$145, while even jam 'cots brought \$44. There's been nothing like these prices since.

CONGRESSMAN COLLINS INTRODUCES LEGISLATION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Congressman Collins, a member of the House Committee on Indian Affairs, has introduced a bill to authorize the Indians of California to be represented by attorneys of their own selection in their suit which is now pending in the Court of Claims at Washington, D. C. It directs that the Court shall recognize such attorneys as of record and gives them the control of the suit for their clients. It authorizes the court to fix the amount of reasonable costs incurred or expended and attorney fees, and directs the Secretary of the Treasury to pay such costs and fees out of the judgment then rendered.

The bill also extends the jurisdiction of the Court for the receipt of a new petition or amendments which will allow the inclusion of all Indians of California as claimants and the claims which, it is contended, were not included in the original petition filed by the attorney general of California. It extends the time for Indians to make application for enrollment and defines the term "Indians of California," as used in the Jurisdictional Act, "to be all Indians who were residing in the State of California on June 1, 1852, and their descendants living on May 18, 1928."

Senator Frazier of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs has introduced a companion bill which carries the same provisions as the Collins bill.

The attorney general of California, who was originally authorized to bring suit, in his petition to the Court prayed for the limited total recovery of only \$12,800,000. It is now reported that the Government's set-offs as tabulated total \$12,174,200 which will leave a balance of \$625,800. From this latter sum the state of California, under the petition of its attorney general, is praying for reimbursement in the amount of any sum that it may expend to help the Indians secure a settlement of their claims.

One item of the Government's set-offs claimed on account of the Perris-Riverside Indian School (Sherman Institute) is \$5,277,240. It is claimed that many items of set-offs can and should be shown to be erroneous. In this connection it is claimed several million dollars of this sum were spent for the education of Indians who do not belong in California and the cost of whose education should not be charged up against the Indians of this state.

It is contended that the \$12,800,000 for which the attorney general brought suit does not represent the true nor total value of the treaty promises which were made to the Indians by the Federal Government in 1851-52. The Legislature of California in 1852 appraised the proposed reservation lands to be worth then not less than \$100,000,000. The just value of these lands and other promises, it is contended, should be worth today a much larger amount.

The bills now pending before Congress are the result of the efforts of the Indians of California Inc. and their executive representative. They contend that the Indians, like other folks, are entitled to be represented in Court by attorneys of their own selection and that any perfunctory prosecution of the case by the attorney general of California will result satisfactorily and unfavorably to the Indians.

F. G. Collett, executive representative of the Indians of California Inc., initiated and sponsored the original Act until finally passed by Congress. He is now working to secure the passage of the Collins-Frazier bills. He

is assisted by Thomas L. Sloan, who is of Indian descent, a member of the Oklahoma tribe of Indians, and admitted to practice law before the Court of Claims, the United States Supreme Court and many other state and Federal courts.

Mr. Sloan has been in Washington since early in January. Mr. Collett is expected to join him soon. They express much confidence in the enactment of the remedial legislation by the present Congress. Mr. Collett advises that during the last year many of the most influential members of the House and Senate have become active friends of the Indians of California. The amendments were last summer sponsored by Congressman Dockweiler. With reference to the re-introduction of the bill, Congressman John M. Costello writes:

"I am familiar with the so-called Dockweiler bill and I am for it. You may rest assured that if it is introduced by Mr. Collins I will do everything possible to assist its passage."

WORK PROGRESSES ON MAIN AQUEDUCT LINE

Work on every section of the 266 miles of the main line of the Colorado River aqueduct, except the pumping stations is underway as seven additional contracting concerns launched operations on 147 miles of aqueduct canals, conduits and siphons.

More than 2000 men have been engaged in the new aqueduct work that has been set under way recently in addition to the construction of ninety-two miles of aqueduct tunnels. More than fifty-eight miles of tunnels had been excavated up to Jan. 15, and the work of lining these sixteen-foot bores now is well under way.

Two hundred miles of the aqueduct line, between the Metropolitan Water District field headquarters at Banning and the Colorado river, extends across barren mountain and desert country heretofore inaccessible to motor travel. Today surfaced highways built by the district give rapid access to thirty-five construction camps, where 5000 workmen are living in modern camp structures.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TAKES CARE OF MANY TRANSIENTS

Like a giant repair shop whose job it is to re-vitalize human lives broken and tossed adrift by the cruel processes of the depression, the Federal Transient Service in California is making its contribution to recovery through the vast rehabilitation system which is today in full swing, according to H. A. R. Carleton, state director of the organization at Los Angeles.

The latest government figures on the number of homeless transients in the nation, including both individuals and members of families, show that federal relief units are now caring for more than 300,000 unfortunate, of which more than one-eighth are receiving assistance in this state.

With California in the van of all states in the number of non-resident destitute receiving government relief, the task of the Transient Service here has been not only to provide immediate care and offer aid in returning itinerants to their places of legal residence, but also to help in rebuilding its charges so that they will be able to cope with their own problems after leaving the protection of Uncle Sam, according to Carleton.

Under this plan, the system has been established of requiring useful labor for transients who are physically able to perform it, thus enabling men and women to regain their health and self-respect while reducing the government's cost of operation and making definite contributions in the form of necessary public improvements in the public domain.

In the various camps, shelters, and other units operated within the state, the rehabilitation process has been extended to after-working hours through the launching of a program of education and recreation, open to the free participation of all persons under care.

This program is providing class instruction in a number of trades and vocations as well as in general educational subjects, so that itinerants, upon the conclusion of their federal camp enlistment will be in a better position to attempt their self-support than prior to such enrollment.

SAN FRANCISCO TRIP SCHEDULED FOR FLEET

The United States fleet, changing its operating schedule again, will go to San Francisco to participate in Preparedness week ceremonies in February.

Announcement was made from the flagship Pennsylvania the fleet will leave the San Pedro-San Diego area Feb. 11 and reach San Francisco bay two days later. It will stay there until Feb. 23.



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SUN SPOTS

(Continued From Page One)

Palm Springs is now definitely on the winter calendar for golf championship meets, for twenty of the nation's outstanding golf professionals will be here on February 12 and 13 to compete for \$2000 in prizes pledged by the business men of the village. The eyes of the sport-loving world, golf devotees in particular, will be focused on Palm Springs on these two days. News reel cameramen and sports writers will be here to see the champs in action. Walter Hagen, Leo Diegel, Olin Dutra, Harold McSpaden, Jim Thompson, Craig Wood, Horton Smith, and others, will be here, not for exhibition events, but to win. The progressive business men who subscribed the \$2000 prize money should have the support of the citizens. Every person who buys a ticket and attends will see drives and putting such as he may never witness again. Come out and see the champions in action—buy a ticket!

We have received some very encouraging comments on the suggestion made in this column last week that the trucks burning tax-free crude oil should pay a tax on this fuel. "I would favor a tax of at least five cents a gallon. If the truck owners expect to put locomotives and freight trains on the highways, they ought to pay for the privilege the same as we do who pay gasoline tax to build new highways and maintain the old ones that the trucks break down," said one subscriber. Another one writes: "I sent clippings of your article to our assemblyman and senator. They certainly should pass a bill to keep the trucks off the highways from Saturday noon until Monday morning."

If you want to take an interesting trip, try this one, which was enjoyed Sunday by the writer and his family: Palm Springs to the state highway at Indio, follow Highway 99 to the San Felipe wash, opposite Salton Sea, turn west on the paved road to Julian, a most interesting and quaint little mountain town at the summit, 4000 feet elevation; then to San Isabel where you again leave the main road, turning north on the road to Warner's Hot Springs, then the Aguanga road to Caahuilla, where the famous Ramona of Helen Hunt Jackson's novel lies buried; and on to the Pines to Palms road which will bring you down the mountain to the Palm Springs road. We left Palm Springs at 10:30, arriving at the desert city again at 5 p. m. The loop trip is through famous Indian country.

The old Butterfield stages from San Bernardino and Riverside to Yuma, Arizona, followed this route through the mountains from Warner Hot Springs to the Imperial Valley. The old adobe stage depot, built in 1848, still stands near Warner Springs. In fact, the first white men who came from Old Mexico to conquer this section for Spain, came through that pass under the leadership of General Anza.

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INTERESTING EVENTS ARE PLANNED FOR DESERT INN GUESTS

Another picnic for Desert Inn guests will be held at Magnesia Canyon next Thursday noon, it has been announced by Miss Elenor Witteman, hostess of the Desert Inn. Yesterday, Miss Witteman arranged a picnic for Desert Inn guests at Eagle Canyon. Jack Western Warner, Desert Inn cowboy host, prepared the food over an open fire grill and entertained with western songs following the lunch.

Next Thursday evening, February 7, Don Admiral, famed naturalist, will present his slide lecture on "Palm Springs and the surrounding desert region" in the lounge of the Desert Inn at 8:15 p. m. Mr. Admiral recently presented this illustrated lecture before a capacity audience at Bullock's store in Los Angeles. Both colored and black and white slides are shown by Mr. Admiral who is a most interesting speaker.

The puppet show, "Cinderella" was presented by several of the pupils of the Desert Inn Open Air School last Tuesday afternoon. Miss Virginia Beatie is teacher of the Desert Inn Open Air School. Among the pupils participating in the puppet show are: Mimi and Cynthia McAdoo, Peggy Batsch, Mary and Tommy Wheeler and Barbara Burritt. Parents and Desert Inn guests witnessed the show on Tuesday held in the ramada of the Desert Inn Open Air School.

Great interest is being shown in Roy Randolph's dancing classes at the Desert Inn. Mr. Randolph made arrangements for the first party of the season given by the Palm Springs Junior Cotillion dance group at the Desert Inn health dancing studio last Saturday evening. Mr. Randolph teaches the younger set the latest ballroom steps, tango, rumba and dancing etiquette. He also teaches musical comedy, tap, and other types of dancing in his classes.

EL MIRADOR GUESTS PICNIC AT SALTON SEA

El Mirador guests enjoyed a motor trip to Salton Sea last Wednesday. Luncheon was served at Date Palm Beach with music and entertainment by Byron Wolfe's orchestra.

In the afternoon swimming and other sports were participated in by the guests and excursions made to nearby points of interest.

BYRON WOLFE ORCHESTRA TO PLAY FOR DANCE AT SCHOOL HOUSE TONIGHT

Another gay evening of dancing is planned for tonight (Friday) at the Palm Springs school house, under the sponsorship of the local post of the American Legion.

The dances of the past two Friday evenings have been very enjoyable for local residents and guests, with a colorful crowd of young people gathering for the occasion.

Byron Wolfe and his El Mirador dance orchestra provide melodies for the dancing.

HUNT, OF OCCIDENTAL

Although Horace Hunt, junior, 617 Ramsey street, is the only graduate of Banning Union High School attending Occidental College he has been quite active in student affairs.

Hunt is president of the Psi Delta Chi fraternity and he is also a basketball letterman.

According to the register's office of Occidental students from 90 California high schools are in attendance there while 16 California junior colleges are well represented.

Fifteen states send 25 students to Occidental College and three foreign countries, Brazil, China, and Manchuria, have students in attendance.

Seventy-eight students have transferred, from 38 universities and colleges from every corner of the country, to Occidental.

The total Occidental enrollment is 634 students.

GOLD FEVER HITS PEOPLE OF BLYTHE

Blythe has the gold fever. Frank Martinez came into Blythe Friday with a placer nugget weighing almost eight ounces which he sold to a Blythe gold buyer for \$230. The nugget was found on Martinez's claim in the old La Paz field 10 miles from Blythe and in Arizona. More than \$7,000,000 worth of gold was taken from the La Paz diggings just before the Civil War and several nuggets weighing an ounce or more have been found in the last few months in virgin territory, near La Paz.

The helping hand is the only one that takes the jack pot.

REMAINING DIPS ON HIGHWAY ARE TO BE REMOVED

Bids were opened yesterday afternoon in Los Angeles for work on the state highway project which will complete elimination of the remaining hazardous dips on the Ocean-to-Ocean highway between Beaumont and Cabazon, announced E. Q. Sullivan, district engineer. The dips between Cabazon and Whitewater were eliminated a year ago.

Match Brothers of Elsinore submitted the low bid, with an offer of \$139,803. Second low bid was made by C. B. Carroll of San Diego, who submitted a \$141,286 figure. Match Brothers previously have been contractors on numerous state highway jobs in the valley.

Although the most dangerous dips of the road were eliminated on a job started last winter, the project could not be completed because of a shortage of funds. Several of the dips have been responsible for accidents on the highway.

Included in the job on which construction will begin soon will be the widening of pavement, now 16 feet in width, to 20 feet from Banning to Whitewater. The new four foot strip will consist of Portland cement concrete.

According to estimates drawn up by Mr. Sullivan's office, a total of 7,000 cubic yards of cement concrete pavement will be required on the construction.

Portions of the 16 feet pavement to be widened are in Banning. Additional width will be added to the highway with an improved and widened shoulder on both sides of the road.

In order to accommodate a wider road, the bridge over Owl wash will be widened. Portland cement concrete will be utilized for this part of the job, and the bridge when completed will be about 30 feet wide.

"WIMPY"

Palm Springs, Calif., Jan. 28.

The Editor,
The Desert Sun,
Palm Springs, California.

Dear Sir:

The readers of your interesting publication have enjoyed its news stories, character sketches and other features, I'm sure; but have they all heard of that new and inimitable character known as "Wimpy"? He is spending his first season in the village, and as we have never before encountered such a complex individual, and because some of the local residents must have noticed him and wondered about his unusual behavior, we are pleased to be in a position at this time to Winchell on him in regard to his "hair raising" actions.

"Wimpy" is a cat. We might even wax repetitions here and say that he is not only a cat, but a most beautiful cat—the poetic kind, you know, with long hair. Well, to make a long story monotonous, he is the occasional pride and joy of Mr. and Mrs. George Barrett. We say the occasional pride and joy because they only see "Wimpy" about every third day or "fortnight," he possessing canine qualities which make him somewhat of a "rover."

Ah, yes, he roves everywhere. But not aimlessly, mind you. On the contrary, he has a schedule as punctual as that of the buses. (Punctual, even). He usually sleeps in Patterson's Drug Store and there among other places he may be seen at intervals during the day in his various moods promenading, pouting or purring as the notion dictates. Early in the morning he puts forth on his daily trek through the village, going to the places where cats usually go and to some where they don't. Then about ten o'clock, he visits a certain meat shop where he receives his daily ration of hamburger (his fondness for which got him his name) from a clerk who long ago succumbed to his look of mendacity. (Sounds impressive, doesn't it?).

Following the feat he continues his impersonation of Pepsy and is off to a shady nook where he lolls a bit, the while emitting purrs of contentment from a well filled tummy and wondering what the "poor people" are doing. So on through the day strutting a bit here, stalking a bit there

and allowing people to admire him wherever he goes—which, they are sure to do.

You may see him one evening visiting in one of the "open evenings" shops and the next walking majestically down the aisle of the Palm Springs Theatre, where he spends much time vainly waiting for the time when Mickey Mouse plays to an empty house. As such a time will never come "Wimpy" must be content with his less artistic dish of hamburger and the dreams of all the things he will have to tell the other cats back in Beverly Hills about what he did out on the desert.

Sincerely yours,

MICHAEL STARK.

WONDERFUL EXHIBITION INDIAN SILVER SET WITH TURQUOISE, AT INDIANOYA

A Desert Sun reporter inspected the largest and most comprehensive display of Indian silver, set with turquoise, at the Indianoya this week, that he has ever seen. There are hundreds of rings, bracelets, necklaces, belts, and novelties, all handmade by Indians of the West.

Turquoise has become extremely popular in Paris, with the result that great quantities of the Indian jewelry have been shipped out of this country to the foreign market. Consequently the supply is becoming limited in America. Indianoya is fortunate in having secured this large stock, for when this is exhausted it can only be replaced at much higher prices.

However, when one views the large stock in the cases at Indianoya, it is hard to believe the local supply can soon be exhausted. At any rate, it is well worth any person's time to see the interesting display.

EASTERN BLUE BOOK SOCIALITIES AT EL MIRADOR

Social activity at Palm Springs has reached its seasonal peak with Eastern blue book registrants mingling with Southern Californians now wintering at the desert resort. New arrivals at El Mirador are Mrs. Harlan Scott of Wilmington, Delaware, who is accompanied by Miss Deborah Turnbull and Miss Barbara Scott; Mrs. Clare Potter of New York City; Mrs. W. H. Hillary and her son, Frank Hillary, of Tucson; Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Bensinger, Jr., Chicago; Mrs. Frank L. Deming, Mrs. John E. Campbell and Mrs. George Boynton, Bellingham, Wash.; Mrs. Charles Clark of St. Louis, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. M. Denman and her two young children; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Engstrom, Lexington, Mass.; Rev. and Mrs. William Osborn Baker, New Haven, Conn., and Miss Evelyn Seltzer, Philadelphia.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Babcock, Los Angeles, with Mr. and Mrs. James McKay, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fownes and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Babcock, all of Pittsburgh, Pa., spent last week-end at El Mirador en route from Agua Caliente to Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hensley of San Marino, whose wedding was a recent social event, are spending their honeymoon at El Mirador. Mrs. Hensley is the former Neva Brinstool.

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